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Eightmile Dam rebuild and restoration seeks input

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Environmental review is set to begin on plans to repair and restore Eightmile Lake Dam in the Icicle Creek watershed. As a result of flood damage and erosion caused by impacts of the Jack Creek Fire in 2017, a state of emergency was declared, and the 90 year old dam was designated a high hazard and a threat to downstream residents and property.

The Icicle and Peshastin Irrigation Districts (IPID) made emergency repairs to the dam in the summer of 2018. Over the last couple years, IPID has worked with Ecology's Dam Safety Office to develop options to restore and rebuild the dam to meet current safety standards. Ecology is now accepting

comments on what should be included in the scope of a full environmental impact statement (EIS) being prepared under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The EIS will examine the potential environmental consequences of each dam.

Icicle Creek is a source of water for a variety of demands that sometimes go unmet. Stream flows support domestic water supply, agricultural irrigation, hatchery fish raised at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, natural aquatic habitat for wild fish, and recreation. Taken together, water needs in the subbasin are often greater than the available supply.

The Icicle Creek Work Group is embarking on a plan to be drought resilient and climate responsive to meet these various water needs now and in the future.

The plan seeks to achieve 88 cubic feet per second of additional water to flows during average years and 58 cfs during drought years.

Water availability is extremely tight along Icicle Creek, where stream flows often fail to meet minimum adopted levels, especially in years of drought. This can lead to legal disputes, the interruption of irrigation water to users, and significant problems for fish habitat

proposed alternative to rebuild the and passage, as well as threaten tribal fishing rights, and sustainable operation of the Leavenworth Natural Fish Hatchery.

In December 2012, Ecology's Office of Columbia River and the Chelan County Natural Resource Department convened a workgroup, bringing local, state, and federal agencies, tribes, irrigation and agricultural interests, municipal/ domestic water managers, and environmental organizations together to find solutions to these problems. In 2018, they formally adopted a long-term restoration plan, called the Icicle Strategy, that identifies projects to improve stream flows and water availability, and resolves habitat and fisheries issues. Elements of the Icicle Strategy include:

Alpine Lakes Reservoirs Optimization, Modernization, and Automation of outlet works and gate infrastructure at seven subbasin lakes.

• Icicle-PeshastinIrrigationDistrict Irrigation Efficiencies explores options to improve irrigation delivery and on farm efficiencies.

Cascade Orchards Irrigation Company Irrigation Efficiencies and Pump Exchange proposes to move the district's point of diversion downstream of the confluence with the Wenatchee River.

Domestic Conservation Efficiencies focuses on conservation projects in the City of Leavenworth and Chelan County.

• Eightmile Lake Storage Restoration rebuilds the structurally-compromised Eightmile Lake dam to restore usable storage to the historical and permitted high water storage elevation Tribal and Non-Tribal Fisheries ensures that projects and actions taken do not have negative effects on tribal fishery activity in the Icicle Creek Subbasin. Habitat Protection and Enhancement identifies and implements stream restoration and protection projects such as riparian plantings, engineered log jams, and conservation easements to improve stream habitat and ecosystem health. Instream Flow Rule Amendment modifies the instream flow rule's interim domestic reservation of 0.1 cfs to a final level of 0.5 cfs.



Patricia (Pat) Stoudt, 1999 Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves died on December 7, 2020. A family gathering will be next summer, more information will come later.

Virtual Music – James Mitsuyasu Makes It Happen



James Mitsuyasu, the band director for Cascade High School and Icicle River Middle School, knows how to play a dozen instruments, and thus he is able to help students at all levels. This year, however, with remote education, it's Mitsuyasu's expertise in technology that is allowing him to teach and interact with his students in new and meaningful ways.

"I've managed to build a system

get different views of my hands, show stuff under a document camera, or demonstrate music theory concepts on a piano."

If that already sounds sophisticated, just wait, there's more. "Although we can't all play with our mics on, students can still play along with me during our class. They just stay muted, and I switch around on the instruments so that everybody gets to hear me play their instrument and try to match their sounds to mine.'

Mitsuyasu has to be a master multi-tasker, while also watching his students. "I check for things like finger placement or embouchure shape and provide other general reminders about technique.'

Beyond Zoom class time, Mitsuyasu continues to mentor his students in musicianship. Students



Icicle Creek just below the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery Dam



• Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Conservation and Water Quality Improvements focuses on

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in the band room that lets me play music from a variety of sources over Zoom," said Mitsuyasu. "I have a couple of microphones, a keyboard, and a few cameras around my desk, all connected to my computer. This lets me switch around during a Zoom meeting to

James Mitsuyasu

submit recordings of songs and other assignments and, he records feedback. "This is where I get the chance to work on each student's specific skills and help them improve.'

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City Administrator six month reflection: sink or swim- a balancing act

By ANA CORTEZ-STEINER

City Administrator With the COVID-19 Pandemic, Leavenworth like Seattle, Tukwila, Yakima, Pasco and other Washington cities, has improved its balancing skills: for example, balancing new demands on services with lower revenues, balancing public health with economic activity and more along those lines. After six months in Leavenworth, I too have gotten better at managing life in a pandemic and managing routine municipal services. Through this learning curve, I have also learned about what is not happening like Oktoberfest, performances... street Christmas Lights Ceremony.

Months ago, the City and the Chamber engaged in conversations on how to prepare for the uncertainty of the winter months. As we were unsure where in the COVID-19 spectrum we would be by year's end, it was difficult to make decisions about an uncertain future. My internal question was, "How to strike a balance?" - How do we balance the importance of public health and business vitality? How do we balance quality of life for the city's full-time residents and

families with the visitors who are the backbone of the local economy?

We had thousands of visitors this past Saturday, and social media has been active since then. There have been posts, comments, and threads about staying home, economic vitality, community responsibility, responsibility to employees, turning off lights, turning on lights and similar social media chatting. So, there are clearly a lot

of people offering a wide range of perspectives to many tough but necessary questions. How do we balance the need for business vitality - our City's General Fund is heavily dependent on sales and business taxes, as these dollars support city services – with new norms of social distancing and mask wearing? How do we balance the need to pay employees with the desire to make sure folks stay at home? How do we keep our city alive while respecting medical experts who plead with us to stay home? How do we carefully swim and not sink?

There are actions that contribute to a more resilient, balanced city: strong partnership between the City and the Chamber of Commerce, for instance, so that important decisions are co-owned and we sink or swim together. There are actions that are unhelpful and contribute to conflict and confusion, including impersonating Chamber of Commerce staff and informing the public that a secret lighting ceremony would take place or disguising an anti-social distancing protest as a live concert. Both of these things happened last weekend, and both led to the same outcome: confusion.

Since June, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council,

make us resilient while stay within the Governor's framework. Some solutions and approaches have been brilliant; some have not. Strategies that have worked thus far include: closing Front Street to vehicles, designated temporary parking for takeout, tables in public spaces, summer and winter patios, sanitizer stations, opening Festhalle bathrooms, hiring downtown ambassadors and troubleshooting as a group.

Most recently, the City located the Farmers' Market at the west end of Front in order to bring traffic to this part of town that is easily skipped by visitors; this challenge is not unique to the west end... one bite at a time. There is a narrative that the Farmers' Market is competition to established businesses; for the record, of the sixteen booths, eleven are merchants from the summer Farmers' Market and Art in the Park, and five are new and include brick and mortar merchants from Greater Leavenworth. While brick and mortar merchants on the west end of Front welcome increased vitality, we are happy to see crowds disperse to this empty part of Front.

actions bring These balance. These actions move the city forward. As the new City Administrator. I have so much to learn about life in a small town and the dynamics of a destination town. I am energized by the innovation and creativity from the Chamber of Commerce, I am dismayed at the attitude of a minority that seeks conflict instead of harmony, I am anxious about future restrictions the Governor may impose and I am humbled by the commitment of downtown and city employees who show resilience beyond the call of



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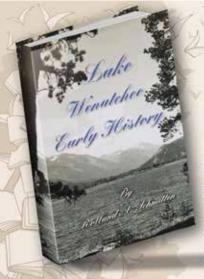
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Sheila brings her creativity and excellent culinary skills to the dietary department where she has been employed as a chef for nearly 3 years. She was recognized for her always upbeat and positive attitude, desire to please and always accommodating. Sheila not only takes a special interest in the meal preparation, but also demonstrates a strong desire to assure the dietary needs of both resident and staff are met.



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staff and general members of the community have diligently met every week to strategize and to find solutions that

duty. Even in a pandemic, surrounded by great swimmers, one is sure to stay afloat.



Ana Cortez



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The phone number to call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth

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509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 425-773-7527, 206-719-3379

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.

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.

Thursday, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans

Information number for Alanon: 509-548-7939

meeting Celebraterecoverylcn@gmail.com

Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. at the Leavenworth PUD

Prostate Cancer Awareness & Support Group, 8:30

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade,

Leavenworth Rotary Club, Zoom meetings, noon. For more

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

Leavenworth Lions Club, For more info. email President

Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m.

The Wenatchee Valley Doll Club, 11:30 a.m. Call

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers

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

of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120

Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-

a.m. Kristall's Restaurant. Call David McIntyre, M.D.,

office, Contact Steve Keene, 548-5266. (2nd Wed.)

Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 548-5292.

info. call President Teri Miller, 509-669-1585.

Anita Wilkie at wilkieam2015@gmail.com

Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)

Yvonne, 509-663-7991. (2nd Thurs.)

Disability Claim and more. (1st Fri.)

393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church,

12565 Chapel Dr., Plain

Alanon Meeting Schedule

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Monday

206-954-4166. (2nd Wed.)

information. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Information numbers for AA:

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Leavenworth

Winter Farmers Market

Will continue every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., until the end of December, the market is located at the West End of Front Street downtown. For more information contact leavenworthfarmersmarket.

org COVID restrictions will be enforced.

Christ Center Service

community

congregation are invited to

our traditional December 24,

Christmas Eve Service from 6-7

p.m. in The Conservatory behind

15:18 Extra patrol, Main St. &

North Rd., Peshastin

Park, Lake Wenatchee

Bend Dr., Safeway

22:31 911, 22959 Lake

Wenatchee Hwy.

December 13

2, Der Ritterhof

Peshastin

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16:42 Traffic offense, North Rd.,

17:06 Parking/abandon, 220 US

18:36 Traffic offense, 116 B. River

20:08 Disturbance, 190 US Hwy.

20:13 Noise, 4702 US Hwy. 97,

11:28 DUI, Chumstick Hwy., MP 1

14:28 Accident/no injuries, 800

18:25 Disturbance, 265 US Hwy.

21:33 Disturbance, 1250 US Hwy.

23:03 Suspicious, 336 Birch St.

Blk., Commercial St.

2, McDonald's

December 14

Cashmere

Dr., Safeway

Commercial St.

MP 2

Hwy. 2

Our

Apple Annie's Antique Mall. COVID precautions will be in place. Contact Carmen, 782-2825.

and

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For Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services, contact the denomination of your choice or see more information in the Upper Valley Church Guide in this newspaper.

The sheriff's report is compiled from public records Sheriff/ as provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided. 14:53 Hazard, 116 River Bend

December 11

09:24 Welfare check, 10300 US Hwy. 2, Peshastin 10:27 Animal problem, 14383

Chumstick Hwy. 14:35 911, 309 - 8th St., Post

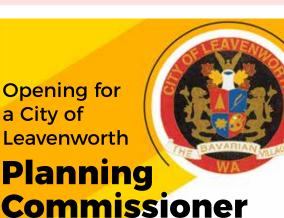
Hotel 14:48 Trespass, 9825 Duncan Rd.

14:58 Suspicious, 14865 Chumstick Hwy.

- 16:13 Property, Front & 12th Streets
- 20:25 Alarm, 22005 Stirrup Rd., Plain
- 20:49 Traffic offense, 10001
- School St., Peshastin
- 21:33 Prowler, 18690 Rieche Rd., Lake Wenatchee

December 12

- 02:53 Traffic offense, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee
- 07:23 Littering, 18233 Sunland Dr., Lake Wenatchee
- 10:13 Public assist, Merritt Lake Trailhead
- 13:47 Public assist, 6398 Campbell Rd., Peshastin
- 14:21 Agency assist, 9500 Blk.,
- E. Leavenworth Rd.



The City of Leavenworth is seeking one volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Leavenworth Planning Commission. Position No. 2 is currently available and will expire on April 1, 2023. This position may be available to someone living within the Urban Growth Area of Leavenworth.

The Planning Commission is an advisory body to the City Council providing recommendations for long-term planning and code amendments on topics related to housing, transportation, shorelines, and more. The appointment is made by the Mayor for a four-year unexpired term.

08:21 Accident/no injuries, 8097 Saunders Rd. 10:48 Sex offense, 19651 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Plain 15:49 Public assist, 200 Blk., W. 17:01 Trespass, 920 Front St. 17:37 Disturbance, 700 B. Front 16:07 Disturbance, Fish Lake Sno St. 18:52 Disturbance, 817

- Commercial St. 19:03 Property, 817 Commercial
- St. 21:35 Parking/abandon, 12250
- Spromberg Canyon Rd.

December 15

- 04:22 Noise, 16100 Chumstick Hwy.
- 04:36 Suspicious, Chumstick Hwy., MP 10 07:58 Scam, 8836 School St.,
- Dryden 21:12 Domestic disturbance, 122
- Morning Star Ln., Plain 22:27 Property, 636 Front St., Visconti's

December 16

- 00:27 Alarm, 920 US Hwy. 2
- 03:51 Noise, 16100 Chumstick Hwy
- 04:08 Parking/abandon, SR 207, MP 1, Lake Wenatchee
- 07:36 Parking/abandon, 2669 Sumac Ln., Lake Wenatchee
- 09:51 Domestic disturbance, 1214 Commercial St.
- 10:31 Suspicious, 4637 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
- 12:35 Unknown accident,12251 Chumstick Hwy.
- 13:41 Noise, 263 Mine St., #113 13:59 Domestic disturbance, 10765 Lone Pine Dr., Peshastin
- 15:42 Parking/abandon, 3000 Blk., Ingalls Creek Rd.
- 16:09 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy., MP 11
- 16:40 Public assist, 10765 Lone Pine Dr., Peshastin
- 17:17 Recreational Stolen Vehicle, 3106 US Hwy., 97, Peshastin
- 18:31 Suspicious, 2475 Salal Dr.,
- Lake Wenatchee
- 18:34 Accident/no injuries, US

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

Mon. of the month. Contact Upper Valley MEND, 548-0408

Upper Valley Free Clinic, 6:30 p.m., evaluates urgent

health needs; dental consultation is available the 1st

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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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.

The Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, reside or own property inside the city limits of Leavenworth or the urban growth area. Letters of interest may be submitted to:

City of Leavenworth Attn: Sue Cragun, Executive Assistant PO Box 287 / 700 US Hwy 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826

or scragun@cityofleavenworth.com, or dropped off at City Hall. Letters of interest will be accepted until the position is filled. First review January 4, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Call phone numbers for meetings or Zoom information 7 p.m., Leavenworth Planning Commission at City Hall contact Lilith 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 24, Thursday: CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE

December 25, Friday: CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS Saturday and Sunday: No lunch.

December 28. Monday: Chicken cacciatore, shell pasta, Italian vegetables, grapes, whole wheat roll, dessert.

December 29, Tuesday: No lunch.

December 30, Wednesday: Country fried steak, potatoes & gravy, green beans, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll, dessert.

Hwy. 2 & Chumstick Hwy. 19:41 Extra patrol, Ski Hill Dr. & Ranger Rd. 20:42 Domestic disturbance, 220-12th St.

December 17

00:07 Alarm, 920 US Hwy. 2 00:08 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy., MP 6 11:03 Accident/no injuries, Lake

- Wenatchee Hwy. & N. Shore, Lake Wenatchee
- 14:02 Parking/abandon, Ranch Creek Rd. & US Hwy. 97
- 16:18 Agency assist, Fish Lake Sno Park, Lake Wenatchee 16:59 Court order violation,
- 10765 Lone Pine Dr., Peshastin 21:13 Weapons violation, 7651
- Saunders Rd., Dryden
- 21:46 Welfare check, 21613 Camp 12 Rd., Plain

\$500k Ponzi* scheme alleged in arrest of local financial advisor

BY GARY BÉGIN

EAST WENATCHEE 51-year-old East Wenatchee resident Greg Lone was arrested three weeks ago and charged with five counts of theft after he purportedly scammed seven local clients of nearly \$500,000.

Lone's seven defrauded

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Greg Lone

Local and Regional News The Washington Outdoors Report

The Christmas Bird Count **By JOHN KRUSE**

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It's happened every year for 120 years and it will happen again in 2021, though the Covid-19 pandemic is making things a bit different this year. It's the Audubon Christmas Bird Count and it takes place all over North America and other locales between December 14 and January 5. This is an annual census of birds, taken in designated circles by volunteers who get together to tally what kind of birds they see and how many over the course of one day during this time period. The circles are 15-miles in diameter and remain the same every vear. There are circles located throughout Washington State though there are surprisingly none found in Grant or Adams County. As for who catalogs the species of birds seen and counts how many there are, any one is invited to participate. As you might imagine, enthusiastic bird watchers are keen to take part but beginners are also



Christmas Bird Counts show Eurasian collard dove numbers are increasing in Eastern Washington

welcome. Beginners will be paired with more experienced birders.

This annual census is a valuable citizen science tool and shows population trends over time regarding different bird species. For example, checking historical data at the Audubon website for Washington State you'll find

wild turkey populations have grown nearly 40-fold since 1972 and the number of bald eagles has increased five-fold during this same time frame. Mike Munts, the compiler for the Chewelah area circle, notes the arrival and continuing increase in numbers of the Eurasian collared dove in recent years, something Joe Veverka, the

compiler for the Leavenworth circle, noticed as well in Chelan County. On the other hand, some species are not doing very well. One of them is the gray (formerly known as the Hungarian) partridge, which has seen a 75 percent decrease in numbers since 1972.

So where are Christmas Bird Counts taking place this year? Here's a list of circles in the area our readers live in and the status of bird count gatherings during this year of Covid-19 disruptions.

BRIDGEPORT – Was scheduled to occur on December 16.

CHELAN Compiler Steve Easley says due to the pandemic, participants will not get together at the beginning or end of the count day which is taking place January 2. If you want to participate, call Easly at 509-682-2318 by Christmas Day. You will be on your own to count birds on the 2. After the count, participating volunteers can submit their count results to Easly by January 5.

COLVILLE – Compiler Barbara Harding says that due to Covid-19, "We will not be doing our regular CBC COUNT on Dec 19. We are hoping to have our folks do feeder counts that day since many of them live within the count circle."

CHEWELAH – Compiler Mike Munts says the count in this circle is cancelled this year due to Covid-19 concerns. **KLICKITAT** VALLEY/

Unfortunately, your immune

system doesn't readily recognize viral fragments as a threat. Adding an adjuvant to a

virus fragment helps get the

attention of your immune

system, like someone waving

at you and yelling, "Over here!"

Once the adjuvant gets your

immune system's attention,

the viral mRNA attached to it

provides a blueprint of what

your body needs to create

effective antibodies against the

6. My experience will

Several clinical trials for

the COVID vaccines (my

sister-in-law was enrolled

in one of those trials) have

been completed. Some people

may still have concerns about

Fear not, as a whole bunch

of doctors, nurses, nurse aides,

and other health care workers

like pharmacists, paramedics,

and emergency medical

technicians will be vaccinated

against COVID ahead of you.

As a bonus, we are plugged

into the medical community.

and if there are issues, we will

report them. By the time you

get your first dose, doctors will

trving something so new.

virus.

help others.

COLUMBIA HILLS count is scheduled to take place December 27. Contact Samuel Holman by email at sam4cb@embarqmail.com if you would like to participate this year.

LEAVENWORTH - Joe Veverka, the compiler for this circle, said the bird count took place December 15 though participation was limited due to pandemic related restrictions.

WENATCHEE -The Christmas Bird Count in this circle will take place on December 30. If you would like to be a part of this contact Dan Stephens at 509-682-6752 or by email at dstephens@wvc.edu as soon as possible.

If you would like to find out more about the Audubon Christmas Bird Count (and maybe establish a counting circle in your area if there is not one present), go to https://www. audubon.org/conservation/ science/christmas-bird-count

John Kruse - www. northwesternoutdoors.com and www. america out doors radio.com

Why i'm getting the COVID vaccine

I hope you have a safe and sacred Christmas. I am very thankful that the COVID vaccine is finally available. Please make sure you get vaccinated against COVID, too.

Here are 7 Reasons I'm Getting the COVID Vaccine:

1. I don't want to risk my health.

One of the scariest aspects of COVID is its unpredictability. Although it causes only mild discomfort in most people, COVID can occasionally trigger a severe and potentially fatal reaction. This immune "storm" can create multiple clots in your lungs, heart, or kidneys, threatening your health.

Some people who survive their severe COVID infection still suffer from shortness of breath, and doctors don't know how to make them better. I don't want to gamble that I will have just a mild case of COVID. I'd rather train my body to fight it off by getting vaccinated.

2. The science makes sense

Having been a pharmacist for over 40 years, I remember the swine flu vaccine disaster and its cause: cutting corners and allowing a product to be used without sufficient testing. Thankfully, we've learned a lot since then.

Much of the science behind the new COVID vaccines have been in use for YEARS in our annual flu vaccine formulations. For example, manufacturing virallike fragments without growing them in egg culture is faster and perfectly safe for those allergic to eggs or feathers. Our clinic has been using this flu vaccine, Flucelvax[®], for the last 3 years with no problems.

The over-65 flu vaccine has had 2 different formulas for the last 3 years: a "high dose" and an "adjuvanted" version. Our clinic has used the adjuvanted flu vaccine formulation with no problems.

One of the reasons the COVID vaccine has taken less time to create is that many pieces had already been developed. With the FOCUS and FUNDING

provided by Operation Warp Speed, these newer science and technology areas could be brought together to target the COVID virus.

3. To preserve healthcare access for everyone.

Our community lost one of its two hospitals in late January 2020 and struggled to weather the COVID pandemic. This week, the hospital has an entire FLOOR plus half of the intensive care beds battling COVID. Although hospital staff has been faithful with wearing personal protective equipment, COVID has begun to spread among them. Having adequate space AND hospital staff available to take care of your illness or surgery is critical.

4. Adjuvants are proven immune boosters.

We have been adding adjuvants to vaccines to increase their effectiveness for years. The old shingles vaccine was a live attenuated virus and provided only 50% protection against shingles. The new shingles vaccine contains

viral particles that cannot infect you, plus a compound called an adjuvant to boost its effect. This has given the more recent Shingrix® vaccine well over 90% effectiveness.

Influenza vaccines are notorious for providing only about 50-60% of protection for older adults. There are 2 formulations designed for older adults to trigger a better response to the vaccine: one with a higher concentration and the other with an adjuvant. The "high dose" formula has 4 times the amount found in the standard vaccine or the adjuvanted one. Using an adjuvant instead of manufacturing 4 times the concentration is much faster to create.

5. mRNA vaccines are safer than older live virus vaccines.

Vaccines used to be made by using live but weakened versions of the virus to trigger an immune response. Newer science which allows the use of fragments of a virus that cannot replicate itself is much safer.

Ask... LOUIS

know even more about what to expect.

7. Feeling crummy for a few days is actually a GOOD thing.

With newer, more effective vaccines like shingles and COVID, your body gets "revved up" to fight off future infection. This is sometimes accompanied by 1-2 days of fatigue, fever, muscle aches, headache, and other symptoms. This is NOT the vaccine giving you the illness, just a temporary reaction associated with getting an excellent immune response from the vaccine.

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. ®2020 Louise Achey

Virtual Music

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The sixth grade band students are brand new to their instruments, and Mitsuyasu has developed ways to virtually help them take their first musical steps. "They are making some great progress," he said.

Mitsuyasu has also used remote learning as a time for individual challenge for the advanced students, those in jazz band. Each jazz student is either perfecting a solo, making a new arrangement of a known song or composing an original work

All these good efforts do not downplay that some aspects of online band class are imperfect. "Something that would have taken two minutes in the classroom to fix can take a week or more to resolve during remote learning, because I can't stop them from practicing something incorrectly and building a bad habit."

The students certainly miss the camaraderie of in-person band practices. Ninth grade flute player, Kestrel Fowley said, "I'm really looking forward to being back in person again. I

miss being able to play music with others, to be immersed in it. After all, the point of a band is to have a group of people working together to make something beautiful, and you kind of lose that feeling when you have to record your own piece by yourself."

Luckily for the students and their parents who want to hear a performance, Mitsuyasu prepared a fall music and art showcase video and a winter concert video. He integrates all the individual recordings into unified concert pieces. It's musical magic.

Mitsuyasu has been able to help the music program flourish thanks to the district's commitment to the arts. "I'm grateful to have a stable annual budget from the school district that provides for the basic teaching expenses of the program, like purchasing sheet music, participation in regional band festivals, and maintenance and upkeep of the instrument inventory.

"I've also been fortunate to receive levy funding to begin replacing some of the oldest large instruments that just wouldn't be possible with my

annual budget."

Mitsuyasu's passion extends to all aspects of the program. When the band boosters are running fundraisers, like holiday season parking and concessions at Summer Theater, Mitsuyasu is involved,

transporting supplies in his car and helping with logistics. Fundraising is key to keep music affordable for all and also pay for opportunities, such as the jazz band attending a jazz festival or individual scholarships for lessons and

music camps.

Ten months into the pandemic, and anxiety, exhaustion, disengagement and loneliness are real problems for some teenagers. Music can be a solace. "Some students, who find their math or science class really stressful right

now, are using their music classes to help de-stress, or at least have a change of pace." Students certainly benefit from Mitsuyasu's unflappable and kind presence, which can still be conveyed through screens.

Like the students, he also can't wait until they can be together, making music. "I'm looking forward to having rehearsals in the band room again! My terrible puns just don't get the appreciation they deserve in a Zoom meeting. I can't hear all the groans when everyone's mics are muted."

To view the winter music and art showcase video, go to this district link: www.cascadesd.org/ domain/131

com and find a link to the band concert there

Ponzi* scheme

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clients were in their eighties or nineties, according to investigators, and resided in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Cashmere.

The financial advisor was charged with first-degree theft after an investigation by Douglas County sheriff's deputies and the state Department of Financial Institutions.

The alleged crimes took 2016-2019 place between with regulatory and law enforcement officials calling it a Ponzi scheme, wherein one investment is then used to pay

promised dividends on another while the money itself is never actually invested anywhere.

Lone's firm, Paramount Financial Advisors, 616 Suite B, Valley Mall Parkway here, has been closed and no statements have been issued by Lone after emailed requests by NCW Media regarding the alleged crimes.

He allegedly advised clients to withdraw funds from their current investments and place them with Paramount-managed funds. The monies were then used to pay his personal and business expenses, according to the complaint.

Lone was administratively barred in August from acting as a securities broker in Washington. The case was then referred to Douglas County authorities, where he made his first appearance in Superior Court in November. He is currently free on \$5,000 bond.

Paramount's website states: "Greg has 24 years of experience in the financial and insurance industries. After studying finance and business management, he began working for an investment advisory firm. Three years into his career, he started his own practice, specializing in international portfolio management. He is currently the founder of Paramount Financial Advisors, LLC, a firm

that brings almost a quartercentury of financial planning and insurance experience to its clients. Greg's mission is to use his experience to help individuals and families achieve their financial goals. Whether those goals are retirement, funding your child's college education, or insurance, he stands ready to help make your financial future a success.'

Lone's son Connor, also works at the firm with the website stating: "Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, Connor moved back to Washington and, after receiving his life insurance license, he joined Paramount Financial Advisors (in Wenatchee).

The son and another employee, Todd Hansen, were not charged.

Another Cashmere financial consultant, who spoke off the record, stated he was almost bilked for thousands by Lone, but when confronted, Lone returned the money that was invested.

Lone's arraignment was Monday, Dec. 21. He plead not guilty to 5 counts of 1st degree Theft with aggravating circumstances; 2 counts are "economic inconvenience" and 3 counts of "violating a position of trust." Trial has been set for Monday, Jan 25th.

Among his alleged victims were an elderly couple and a blind disabled veteran.

* In a Ponzi scheme, investors are duped by being promised high returns with little or no risk on their investments. The scammers then rely on cash flow from recent investors to provide returns to older investors.

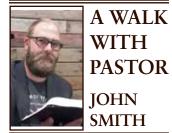
Editor's Note: If anyone reading this considers themselves a victim of this scam, contact the Chelan County Sheriff's Office immediately. Keep reading the Cashmere Valley Record and Leavenworth Echo for future developments in the case.

Cascade School District 2020 virtual Band Concert. You can view the Choral Department Concert at LeavenworthEcho.



Neighbors

Not feeling the spirit...



I don't know about you but

it doesn't feel like Christmas

this year. I know many of

us are trying to get into the

Christmas spirit but it just

seems a bit forced, contrived,

and absent of the usual feeling

that we are accustomed to

during this season. But can

you blame us? After all,

2020 has been a year that

none of us had anticipated.

Everyone has been affected

by the pandemic, either we

have contracted the virus

ourselves or have been

enduring the mandates and

policies all aimed at keeping

us "safe". For close to nine

months we have been in the

slough and now that we are

in the "The most wonderful

time of the year" there is just

simply no energy to celebrate.

we feel or the circumstances,

we find ourselves in currently,

the Incarnation-God the

Son taking upon himself,

humanity-is a permanent

reality. In other words, the

miracle of love demonstrated

in the person and work of

Jesus Christ will never change,

no matter how we feel or the

I believe all of us are

weary of ever-changing

things paraded as "facts".

Every day, these "facts" are

shoveled in our direction

that proves or disprove a

variety of things, like voter

fraud, the number of COVID

cases, or the effectiveness

or lack-there-of, of wearing

masks. Yet there is one fact

that cannot be argued or

disproven and that is Jesus

Due to the COVID-19 virus,

all churches in the Upper

Valley have suspended Saturday and Sunday services, Sunday School

and meetings.

Please call or email your

church listed below if you need

more information.

May you take time to pray,

situations that surround us.

However, regardless of how

came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). Roughly 2000 years ago, in accordance with the will

of the Father, Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary by way of the Holy Spirit. Days later the child would be born and he would grow up to evidence without a shadow of a doubt that he indeed was the Son to be given (Isa. 9:6). The miracle of Incarnation happened in space and time and therefore is a historical says fact. Anyone who that Jesus didn't exist or is a product of a borrowed mythos of various pagan cultures is either grossly ignorant or deceitful. Christ stands as altogether unique in that his earthly life was predicted centuries before his arrival and that he fulfilled every prophecy concerning his birth, his works, and miracles, death, burial, and resurrection which makes Jesus, according to Boettner, "the only expected person in all of history."

In a time when narratives frequently change with the wind, it is a comfort to know that the veracity of the Incarnation is sure. Right about now, we all need to be reminded of that unshakeable truth-that Christ is real and came into this world. When there is so much uncertainty about where our nation is headed or about our own personal lives, what better place to find certainty than in a real person named Christ.

However we are feeling at this moment and in this season, Christ did come to save his people from their sins. He came in the flesh when he wasn't wanted by his own and at his arrival, the only multitude that celebrated were angels. However, regardless of any one's response to Christ, he was born and ultimately gave his life. To put it this way, he was born, lived, and died for people like you and me who are so very fickle in our feelings.

As you gather with your families this Christmas and perhaps there is a coldness in your heart that matches the outside, remember that it doesn't change the reality of the miracle of the Incarnation. In fact, be reminded that is precisely

School board meeting includes news about two received grants



The attendance for the school board meeting on December 14 included nine high school seniors. The seniors introduced themselves and shared how long they'd been with the district and their hopes for postgraduation, which included university, vocational training and the army. Attending public meetings is part of the requirement for the class, Citizen Washington in a Contemporary World, which all seniors take.

The list of action items

Eightmile Dam

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 projects to reduce surface water use and improve access to groundwater.

• Fish Passage improves passage by assessing and removing barriers, so fish have better access to healthy habitats.

• Fish Screening upgrades fish screens on diversions to meet current standards.

· Water Marketing creates an Icicle Water Market and seeds it with an initial 1,000 acre-feet

of water for agriculture use in the Icicle Creek Subbasin and Wenatchee River Basins during shortages.

on the agenda was light, but

included the approval of the hire

of Cynthia Reyes as Migrant

Recruiter. This is a part-time

position that P.D. principal Emily

Ross described as, "incredibly

important." Ross explained

further, "Each district receives

funding for migrant students,

which is above and beyond the

money we receive to educate

gen ed students, as migrant

families need more support to

recruiter, will work up to about

ten hours a week. "A recruiter

needs to be compassionate,

smart and kind, and the best

recruiter will help families feel

comfortable, at ease, and help

give them a voice in the school

district. I believe Cynthia will be

During policy review, the

school board did a first reading

of policy 6625, Private Vehicle

able to do this," said Ross.

Reyes, in this role as migrant

help educational continuity."

Public comment period: The scoping comment period begins on Dec. 18, 2020, and runs through Feb. 1, 2021. Ecology is expanding the required 21 day scoping comment period to 45 days to promote interagency cooperation and public participation.

Submitting a comment: You can submit a comment electronically, during a meeting, or by mail. Comments

Obituary & Memorial Policies

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An Obituary is a way for family member(s) to commemorate a loved one's life and to notify the community of the passing of the loved one. Obituaries are also used for historical and ancestral data

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

Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all publish weekly on Wednesday.

Obituaries are priced by the number of words and include one color photo and go online at no extra charge. Memorials are priced per column inch. Please call for cost. *Payment is due at the time of placement. *Exception: Chapels, funeral homes who have an account, can be billed. There is no charge for a Death Notice - information is limited. Deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday - some exceptions may apply.

Transportation. Superintendent Beckendorf-Edou Tracey explained this update clarifies when it's appropriate to use a private vehicle to transport students, rather than transport by school bus, for a school function. One current example would be if one student, for medical reasons, couldn't wear a mask, then that student could be transported separately by a parent.

Beckendorf-Edou announced that the Cascade High School Career Technology Education (CTE) building was finally complete. "It has an improved metal shop and wood shop. Also, there's now the ability for the teacher to move seamlessly between the classroom and the shop," Beckendorf-Edou said. A ribbon-cutting is being planned for when COVID safety protocols allow.

are weighted equally whether

they are provided during a

meeting, mailed, or submitted

electronically. Those wishing

to register a comment on line

or attend one of the scheduled

meetings need to do so through

the Ecology website at https://

ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-

Eightmile-Dam-scoping.

Mail a comment to:

Central Regional Office

ring with Cascade Medical, won a Community Health Initiative grant for \$6700 for suicide prevention education at the high school and middle school. This collaboration will enable key staff to be trained to lead workshops for staff, students and parents to recognize and respond to those who are contemplating suicide, and help establish clearly defined avenues of support for students in need. This grant came from the North Central Accountable Community of Health.

The district also won a grant from the School Superintendents Association for \$2500. These funds will cover the rest of the needed hotspots for students who have various issues with internet connectivity. The students will now be able to get on the internet with ease for educational purposes.

The school district, partne-

Attn: Melissa Downes 1250 West Alder Street, Union Gap, WA 98903 Public meetings:

Due to the coronavirus epidemic, Gov. Jay Inslee directed state agencies to conduct public meetings remotely We are asking

participants to register in to-know-us/News/2020/Dec-18advance so that we can ensure that we have reserved enough Department of Ecology, slots with our online vendor for everyone.

We are here to serve families in Leavenworth, Peshastin, Plain and the entire Upper Valley.



rest, meditate and reflect durina this time. Stav well stay strong and stay informed.



the condition of hearts that made such work necessary to save.

Pastor John Smith of Evergreen Baptist Church in Cashmere can be reached at pastorjohnsmithebc@gmail.com. Please call 509-548-5286 for more information Or email classifieds@leavenworthecho.com

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MONITOR

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429 Evans Street, 509- 470-7745 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM Website: www.leavenworthbaptist.com Email: info@leavenworthbaptist.com

LEAVENWORTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer or Holy Eucharist. Times and place will vary due to COVID restrictions. Service on YouTube or Email link: CashmereEpiscopalLutheranMinistries Contact Pastor Rob Gohl, 509-860-0736 or Deacon Carol, 670-1723 for more information.

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH 5837 Evergreen Drive • 782-1662 • Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. • Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Service - 6:00 p.m. • Pastor John Smith www.christforcashmere.org

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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:

Thirty days the after Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as RCW provided under 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

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CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1296

On the 14th day of December, 2020 the City Council of the City of the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Cashmere, Washington passed Resolution 09-2020. A summary of Ordinance No. 1296. A summary the content consisting of the title of the content provides as follows: provides as follows: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASH-CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, FOR MERE, WASHINGTON, REPEAL-THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ING AND REPLACING RESOLU-DECEMBER 31, 2021. Effective date of this ordinance is WASTEWATER RATES OF THE five days after publication. A copy of the full text of this ordi- 2021

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DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS) AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

Name of Proposal: Eightmile Dam Rebuild and Restoration Project In the Matter of the Estate Project Proponent: Icicle and Peshastin Irrigation Districts (IPID) Location: Eightmile Dam is located in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness KAREN G. HALL, Area, approximately 15 miles west of Leavenworth, WA. The site is Deceased. accessible via an approximately 3-mile pedestrian trail. The trailhead is No. 20-4-00385-04 located on Forest Service Road 7601 accessible via Icicle Road, within PROBATE NOTICE TO Township 24N, Range 16E WM, Section 33.

Description: The existing dam was constructed in the 1920s. The dam RCW 11.40.030 is owned and operated by IPID. The dam was damaged more than 25 The years ago when the spillway was overtopped and the earthen embankment eroded, limiting IPID's ability to refill the lake to the as personal representative of this historical spillway elevation, and resulting in increased potential for additional erosion and failure.

Additionally, the Jack Creek Fire in 2017 burned trees and vegetation the time the claim would be in the Eightmile Lake basin that led to unstable conditions and the barred potential for high run-off or flash flooding, adding to the risk of dam applicable statute of limitations, failure. In 2018, Washington Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Dam Safety office(DSO) worked with IPID and Chelan County to temporarily repair the dam and address the immediate threat of dam failure. The repairs do not meet current dam safety requirements and those requirements necessitate rebuilding the dam.

IPID proposes to rebuild and restore Eightmile Dam to meet the following objectives:

•Restore the storage capacity of Eightmile Lake to meet IPID irrigation and storage needs;

·Comply with DSO regulations for a high hazard dam;

•Provide water to enhance Icicle Creek instream flows and allow for potential mitigation of new beneficial uses

IPID has developed design alternatives for rebuilding the dam with guidance from the DSO.

EIS Required: The project-level EIS is part of a phased review process under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), following the 2019 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Icicle Strategy issued by Ecology and Chelan County. The Eightmile Dam project is one of several early actions to be implemented as part of the Icicle Creek Strategy, under the direction of the Icicle Work Group. The project proponent is IPID. Ecology's Office of Columbia River (OCR) will act as the lead agency for the project-level EIS and has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and accordingly, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). The EIS will include a range of reasonable alternatives and will evaluate probable significant adverse impacts. The lead agency has identified the following action alternatives for evaluation in the EIS:

Narrow Spillway with Gates

•Wide Spillway without Gates

Both alternatives would have a low-level outlet pipe located entirely within the area delineated by IPIDs Special Warranty Deed with the US Forest Service.

Two methods for construction access will be evaluated including: Helicopter transport

Overland vehicle transport

Non-motorized wilderness ground transport (i.e., pack equipment and materials in and out using humans and pack animals, no use of motorized equipment) could be used to supplement either transport option

As required by SEPA, the EIS will evaluate a No Action Alternative. This alternative has been developed to serve as the baseline condition for comparison with the action alternatives, and to describe impacts if Cause No. 20-4-00385-04 the proposed project is not constructed.

Additional information is available on the project website at https://ecology.wa.gov/eightmile.

EIS Scoping and Public Comment: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, probable significant adverse impacts, mitigation measures, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. An expanded scoping process is being provided pursuant to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-410, and will include two public scoping meetings. Due to COVID-19, these meetings will be held virtually.

Virtual Public Scoping Meeting Dates, Times, and Virtual Details PM Wednesday 2021 3:00 6:00 January 13, https://rossstrategic.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aK5AI9EcRFO9asD4_wpgPw Thursday January 21, 2021, 5:00 -8:00 PM

https://rossstrategic.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BiYXfsmrQ-erYHgAFd8qnw Scoping and Comment Period: The comment period opens Friday December 18, 2020. The deadline for submitting your comments is Monday February 1, 2021. All comments related to project scoping must be submitted by this date. Comments may be submitted orally at the virtual scoping meetings or in writing. Written comments may be submitted Online at https://ecology.wa.gov/eightmile By mail to: Department of Ecology Central Regional Office Attn: Melissa Downes 1250 West Alder Street Union Gap, WA 98903 Project-related information can be reviewed on the project website at: https://ecology.wa.gov/eightmile For questions about the project, or the scoping process, please email: melissa.downes@ecv.wa.gov Date of Issue: December 18, 2020.

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personal representative named below has been appointed estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before bv otherwise anv 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

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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

APRIL D. LANE Personal Representative

Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP

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CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1297

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On the 14th day of December, 2020 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1297. A summary of the content provides as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF WATER AND SEWER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS IN

THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO

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TERS RELATED THERETO. Effective date of this ordinance is five days after publication.

A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer,

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social media site is factually correct. That is why it is important that you look at stories critically. That is why you need to question whether the facts you are being fed are correct or just the biased opinion of the reporter.

As a journalist, my job and the job of all of the other "journalists" in this country is to raise questions and attempt to get answers from our elected representatives. When the answers we receive don't pass the smell test then we need to keep pushing until our elected representatives come up with serious answers to serious questions.

It has been said that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The exact authorship of that phrase is often debated, but human experience tends to confirm it. Our system of government is the best ever devised by humans, but the last election does raise serious questions. Questions that deserve answers.

The answers to questions about the last election do not pass the smell test. There is plenty of reason to question the accuracy of the vote. It may not all meet the immediate evidentiary standards for a court of law but what is clear is the outright dismissal of the issue by the Supreme Court is a just another example of the impotence of that final check on our Constitutional contract with our government.

Without our Constitution,



"The Constitution is not a document for the government to restrain the people: it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government."

Patrick Henry

our "Democracy" is no longer accountable to the people. We are no longer citizens. We are subjects. When the regulators are making the laws and the elected representatives are no longer looking out for the citizens then we no longer have a Republic of the people, by the people and for the people.

It should not matter whether you are a Democrat or a Republican we all must provide a final check on the people who we elect to represent us. When there are serious concerns about the election, we owe it to each other to carefully examine the outcome.

Questions about this election are not completely about which side cheated? This week a story came out that Russia had hacked into thousands of government and corporate sites. They had gained access to numerous emails and information considered vital to US security. They had planted software in key programs. Are we completely sure that there wasn't foreign meddling in our election? Are we completely sure it was Russia? There are concerns now about China's meddling in our elections.

The point here is there is significant evidence that something went drastically wrong with the 2020 election. The American people deserve a thorough examination of the process and results of this election. It would appear that our institutions have failed us at this point. I for one would like the Democrats and Trump haters to step up and demand that a thorough examination be completed. One that proves the election was fair. One that proves there was no attempt to steal the election.

I did find a video on the YouTube that raises serious questions. I encourage you to watch it. You will find it at: https://www.youtube.com/watc h?v=rXtGItm1bvQ&feature=y outu.be

I have posted it to Bill's Blog at leavenworthecho.com

The video contains much compelling evidence for those who are willing to examine the concerns being raised by some of your fellow Americans.

True freedom demands active not passive citizens.

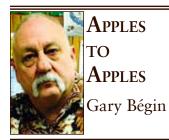
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DRILLING



Is Edward Snowden a false equivalency to Jane Fonda?



we truly compare Can Edward Snowden's act of releasing classified American documents to "Hanoi Jane" Fonda? In response to a possible pardon for "whistleblower" Edward Snowden by President Donald Trump, Wyoming Republican Rep. Liz Cheney said, "Edward Snowden is a traitor. He is responsible for the largest and most damaging release of classified info in U.S. history. He handed over U.S. secrets to Russian and Chinese intelligence putting our troops and our nation at risk. Pardoning him would be unconscionable." So here's the question, is Dick Cheney's daughter being an extremist? I think not. She is right on. BTW – I call her Dick Cheney's daughter (the former VP under George Bush the II) not from a lack of respect, but because she obviously rode that daddy's name recognition into victory, but since Wyoming is a conservative state, she might have won anyway even if she called herself Jessabelle de Casper. Back to the question of false equivalency. Jane Fonda upset millions of Americans, especially veterans, when she sat in an anti-aircraft battery (gun) during the Vietnam War ... an obviously traitorous thing to do, considering American men and women were still "in country" fighting the enemy. What Fonda did was reprehensible and, I believe, an act of betrayal. The photograph of her sitting and smiling while handling an instrument of death used against fellow Americans went worldwide. To this day, Vietnam Vets call her Hanoi Jane and even go so far as to place her likeness

in urinals, however gross that may sound. That is how great the level of disgust is with her among these fellow citizens who placed their lives on the line when ordered to do so. For Fonda, it seemed all fun and games akin to a schoolgirl getting a ride in a military plane or having a surprise birthday party. Thanks to Cyndi Lauper we know, girls just wanna have fun ... (when appropriate).

Fonda's was an act of an obvious physical action captured for posterity in a photo, while Snowden's act was unseen and unphotographed. In reality, Snowden's actions were far worse than posing for a "bad judgement" photo opportunity as in Fonda's case. Of course, the psychological optics of an American movie star yucking it up with the same bunch of folks who shot down heroes like future senator John McCain was a major political "psyche warfare" victory for Ho of the North. We all realize, as sentient adults, that words or actions once uttered or done, can have serious consequences. I personally felt embarrassed by her and sadness for her father, Henry Fonda, a respectable and patriotic American actor, but sometimes kids rebel just because they haven't the brains to know what good judgement is. Back to Snowden. He broke his oath, the one Fonda never took, to stand by Uncle Sam when he was in the CIA and again when he became an NSA (National Security Agency) contractor. He broke both and then ran like a coward. Did he do it for money? Who gives a rat's petute what his motives were? He did what he did.

quotes. Perhaps your liberal friends (or mine) may think it was a brave and honorable thing that Snowden handed secrets to our Cold War (which never ended) enemies, but think again.

He wasn't reporting on a failed government program that may have cost taxpayers money. He wasn't pointing out a few corrupt government officials. Snowden, as in Fonda's case, was an adult and as such needs to be held responsible for breaching national secrets. Fonda's irresponsible act seems a bit on the frivolous, naïve and outright ignorant side where Hollywood stars showed little deadlier consequences.

Young veterans from the "Sandbox" conflicts may not know anything about Hanoi Jane, but please, if you guys ever want to understand your elders better, Google her nickname and make sure you stare at what a photo of treason looks like. Soak it in a while and then think how you would have felt if actors George Clooney or Matt Damon visited the Taliban or ISIS or Sadam Hussein and posed with AK47's while your butt was in a Humvee that just rolled over an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

BTW – Have any veterans out there considered not

Our fellow citizens were placed in harm's way due to a selfish act masquerading as "whistleblowing."

The legally protected act of whistleblowing is not the same thing as exposing national secrets, let's get that straight right off the bat. That's why I put what Snowden did in or no empathy to countrymen in a conflict during a controversial war.

Edward Snowden is exactly what Congresswoman Liz Cheney called him: A traitor. If he is repatriated to the U.S., his case meets the criteria for the death penalty. Patriotic Americans should not shed a tear if that comes to pass.

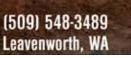
Snowden's acts of betrayal were without a doubt, far less conspicuous than Fonda's, but for both overt and covert reasons, his actions pose liking the Atlanta Braves? Ted Turner owns that team and the Braves' First Lady is nonother than ... Jane Fonda.

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Letters to the editor

Are you kidding me?

I can't believe Time magazine chose Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as the Person of the Year for 2020. Because he got more than 51% of the vote? Come on, man! If that's the case, every President-elect should be chosen. This was so wrong and just shows how biased this magazine is. This award is as meaningless as when Barack Obama was given the Nobel Peace Prize before he even started working as the President. Biden has done nothing yet! Obama had done nothing yet.

My first choice would've been first responders and health care workers who have selflessly given of themselves in fighting this horrible coronavirus. Time chose a group in 2017; called them the Silence Breakers, the #MeToo movement. Time had set precedent with choosing a group. Why not the first responders/health care workers group? I've heard what health care workers are experiencing firsthand.

My second choice would've been President Trump for pushing for a vaccine through Operation Warp Speed. Pfizer vaccines were shipped out on Sunday (12/12) in the U.S. Two more await FDA approval. Look at the infrastructure that's been laid to get it distributed. The syringes, vials, freezers, CO2 ice, ice chests, number of health care providers that are going to be giving shots, UPS and FedEx delivery to all the states.

The parallel track of developing the vaccine and distributing it was such a scientific feat and undertaking! Shame on Time magazine; this is so wrong. Joe and Kommie did not deserve that honor.

Vicki Cibicki, Cashmere



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