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Photo by Geoff Richardson
 Derek "Buster" Richardson competes in the skating event at Junior Nationals in California.



Photo by Bill Forhan

Cliff Hassell picks up his meals at the Leavenworth Senior Center from cook Tasha Lucas. The Senior Center is closed but the kitchen provides meals M-F through the back door. For more information see page 2.

Two Cascade HS Students Get to Compete at Junior Nationals for Cross Country Skiing

BY MARLENE FARRELL

Cascade High School students Stella Johnson and Derek "Buster" Richardson are missing six days of school to fulfill ambitious goals.

They are competing at Cross Country Skiing Junior Nationals, hosted by Auburn Ski Club at Donner Summit in California. They are going as part of a 36-member contingent representing the Pacific Northwest Ski Association.

In early March, these skiers are racing against the best in the country, vying for the podium in their two-year age brackets.

This is Johnson's third trip to Nationals and Richardson's second. They are joined by fellow Leavenworth Winter Sports Club teammates Haley Loewen and Liam Newman, both of Wenatchee, and both qualifying for their first time.

To get there, these teens started competing in December, accruing points over the season.

Skiers must finish near the top of their age group four or more times over six to eight races.

They must be proficient in both skate and classic techniques.

Richardson, Johnson, Newman and Loewen have proven they have stamina, technical prowess and consistency across a range of conditions.

A highlight of the season for Richardson was a race in the Methow. "At the classic sprints all ages were mixed together, so I got to race against older guys. It gave me confidence for SoHo [Soldier Hollow, the last and largest qualifying race]."

Johnson preferred the most technical race of the season. "The skier cross race in Spokane had jumps and bumps and

berms. The atmosphere was great. Everyone was so excited, and there were so many spectators."

Between the thrill and focus of two-day race weekends, there were hours and hours of training. Although racing is mostly solitary, improvement and results are due, in large part, to the support of teammates and coaches.

"Cross country skiing is a hard sport. Sometimes it's bad weather, we do intervals, or we ski for two or more hours at a time. Having my teammates go through all of that with me inspires me," said Johnson.

Richardson added, "I get to ski after school with friends. We laugh a lot while training. I wouldn't ski if I didn't have people I liked to ski with."

Coaches are unsung heroes, because most work full-time at other jobs, and then spend countless

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Rep. Steele, Chelan-Douglas Health urge virus vigilance

By GARY BÉGIN

Representative Mike Steele (12th District), ranking member of the House Education Committee, stated last week in regards 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.

"This is the right thing to do," Steele, (R-Chelan), said, "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 throughout the morning, 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 by common sense.

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 Chelan-Douglas 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."

Fitzsimmons ended the press release by stating she hoped to have the link up by March 24.

According to real estate industry experts Trepp, "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 yesterday, 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 last week 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 (at least 30 as of this writing) are 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?

SEE REP. STEEL ON PAGE 2

Events Canceled and Postponed

Currently these are the events in our local area that have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19. For more information on an event go to their website to confirm if you do not see it listed here.

Publisher's note: The Leavenworth Echo and Cashmere Valley Record will be limited to six pages since schools are closed and most public meetings have been cancelled. Closures and cancellations are changing rapidly. We will be posting news on our websites as soon as we are able to confirm the accuracy.

Coffee meetings with Bob Bugert have been canceled until further notice.

Leavenworth Senior Center, closed for lunch, but you can still order by phone 548-6666 and stop by to pick up your lunch. See Senior Menu with information.

Upper Valley Empty Bowls Soup Dinner, scheduled for March 19, is canceled. On-line auction only will be open until 10p.m. on March 18.

Cascade School Mr. Kodiak contest was scheduled for March 16, postponed until Tentative date, April 27.

P.E.O. Spring Fashion Show and Tea is rescheduled from April 2, to June 4.

The Hometown Hidden Talents Show

scheduled for March 14 will be rescheduled at a future date not announced yet.

The North Central Regional Library, canceling all programs, events, outreach, and meeting room use through April 5.

Cashmere Community Concerts/Downtown Mountain Boys Concert was scheduled for March 21, but has now been canceled.

"Explore DNA for the Day!", Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society's All-Day Seminar set for April 4 at Pybus Market Event Center, will be postponed until a later date.

14th Annual Leavenworth Ale Fest scheduled for April 18, has been canceled.

Church Services Canceled

Faith Lutheran Church in Leavenworth, all services suspended until further notice.

Community United Methodist Church in Leavenworth, has canceled it's Good Friday Cantata, "Song of The Shadows".

St. James Episcopal and Grace Lutheran Churches, Cashmere, services suspended through the end of March.

Plain Community Church has suspended services.

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