

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
Amendments and approvals made on city council meeting

By KALIE DRAGO
Echo Reporter

Three absent council members (illness and professional obligations), two public hearings and one guest speaker led to some amendments being made and some groups funding being approved.

The March 12 city council meeting went by quickly as the smaller than usual group combed through the agenda.

Chelan County Commission, Bob Bugert, pulled a crowd for his presentation over the hot button topic, overnight rentals, in Chelan County.

Due to an overlap in meetings, Bugert was unable to make it but he sent in, Dave Kuhl, Chelan County Community Development Director, to deliver the presentation.

“Vacation rentals are a hot topic,” said Kuhl. “(Chelan County’s important goals when it comes to short term rentals is) essentially to reduce noise, parking, traffic and trash problems. Also, to eliminate party houses, short term rentals impact on neighborhood character, would like to ensure building safety (fire exits), improve county’s responsiveness to neighborhood complaints.”

The presentation primarily focused on a website called Host Compliance. The county is currently working on the contract with the company.

“We explored doing an ordinance to help regulate vacation rentals, but during our process we came to a firm called Host Compliance. Host Compliance is a company that goes out, scour the Internet and finds all the people doing vacation rentals and then helps register those people with the county.”

Mayor Farivar encouraged the presenter to maybe offer a question and answer period public meeting at the fire hall another night so he would have more time for an in depth discussion.

The two public hearings focused on a Zero Lot Line Code and Comprehensive Plan Map amendments. Lilith Vespier, development services manager, explained the tweaks and what they mean for the city and the planning commission.

For the zero lot line code change, Leavenworth resident Jordan McDevitt requested an increase to lot coverage – this tweak would push lot coverage from 35% to 40% and would equate to an additional 200 square feet of building area on a 4,000 square foot lot.

Council member Sharon Waters pushed for the zero lot line amendment decision to be tabled until March 26 so her and other council members have a better grasp before

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Photo by Kalie Drago

A representative from the group opened the presentation for the Webinars.

Opioid Response Conference ignites important conversations

By KALIE DRAGO
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It is a staggering fact that drug overdoses are the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 50 and it’s difficult to understand the degree that the undercurrent opioid drug issue has fermenting a deadly epidemic.

The group Pathways to Prevention formed a public forum for brainstorming and sharing ideas on opioid preventing.

The North Central Washington Opioid Response Conference was held at the Leavenworth Fire Station on Friday, March 15.

“We are here today because we have learned that at least three people in Washington

state die every single day from a drug overdose. We are here to see if there’s anything we can do to work together to stop some of these things that go on and focus on prevention,” said Senator Linda Parlette, executive director of North Central Accountable Community of Health. The three hour window, 9 a.m. until noon, allowed good conversation, interactive audience brainstorming and a training that included a Narcan kit.

The session was being broadcast and hosted at ten different locations within the region, including Leavenworth.

Across the region there was 280 interested individuals signed up, with roughly 20

people at the session based at the fire station.

“We have to recognize that a lot of work was being done in Chelan, Okanogan and Douglas counties already. We didn’t want to duplicate that, we wanted to work together and build upon it,” said Parlette.

The session opened with a Webinar from two speakers, Dr. Charissa Fotinos and Caleb Banta-Green.

Both experts in the field and offered different important elements that play into the topic of addiction and opioids.

Banta-Green heavily focused on prevention methods whereas Fotinos laid the foundation with facts, research and statistics surrounding addic-

tion and overdose.

Fotinos opened with alarming numbers (both statewide and regional) that made the epidemic concrete for the audience.

She covered slides from North Central regional resources (i.e. Chelan-Douglas Together for Youth is an organization prevention grantee) to prescribing trends.

However, it wasn’t all doom and gloom – she had an encouraging local statistic to share.

“Looking more recently, the number of overdoses related deaths in Chelan have decreased, where the other three counties have seen an

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Scott Bradshaw running for mayor

By KALIE DRAGO
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With a desire to represent his community, deeply rooted history within the town and love for the Bavarian Village - long time Leavenworth native, Scott Bradshaw has decided to run for the mayor’s seat in the upcoming 2019 election.

“One of my first loves is the town of Leavenworth. This is home,” said Bradshaw. “My roots are deep, deep, deep in Leavenworth. It’s a great place to live, it’s a great place to raise children, it’s a great place to grow up and it’s a great place to retire.”

His pride in his heavy connection to Leavenworth was apparent as he detailed his family’s background in Leavenworth, that dates back to the 1930s.

“I was here when the Bavarian theme started. I actually as a teenager worked on several of the remodels of downtown buildings.”

Bradshaw is more than just a proud native, but also an active member of the community. He’s a member of the Autumn Leaf Festival, where before the interview he had been working on his float. This year, he can add another community accomplishment to his list – he is the Kanzler

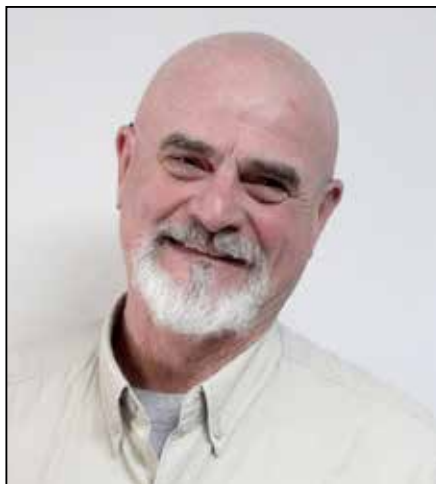


Photo by Kalie Drago

Pictured is Scott Bradshaw, a candidate for the upcoming 2019 mayor seat.

for the Royal Bavarians.

“We need to build and support the Alpine Bavarian theme, that’s what got us to where we are today. That’s what made this city so great. That theme has been the cornerstone of all the success that we’ve had,” said Bradshaw. “At the same time, managing to keep that theme as our mantra, we have to deal with issues that come up. Housing, traffic, parking, infrastructure.”

Bradshaw is currently sitting on the

Planning Commission - the group that he is representing while he is on the oversight committee for the Highway 2 corridor study that many groups, including the city, have been channeling their efforts. He is also a member of the Cascade Hospital Foundation Board. Both entities allow him to offer input and submerge himself in the going ons of Leavenworth.

“I decided to run because my city needed strong, balanced, pragmatic leadership,” said Bradshaw, a self proclaimed pragmatist. “I believe in balanced, well thought out decisions. There is no silver bullet to solve those problems. We need to have a balanced approach.”

While his personal background with Leavenworth will aid him on knowing the ins and outs of the town, his professional background also serves him if elected. With his Civil Engineering degree, he has gone on to serve several utilities - for both private and public. He worked with a well known local entity, Chelan PUD, as Director of Retail Engineering and Operations. He has experience working on engineering operations for water, gas, wastewater, electric and telecom.

“In my career I’ve dealt with various

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Despite a few city council members excused absences, the city council managed to debate, learn and delegate much of their to do list at the March 12 study session. With a series of group funding requests along with a series of visitors, there was a lot to sift through.

Representing Chelan County PUD was Dan Frazier to brief the council on the new Service Center in Olds Station – a preview before the upcoming open house, public invited, at the Chelan County 3 station on March 20.

“We need to be somewhere we can respond and our customers can get to us. So Old Station is just the exact right spot to merge. It’s become the hub for regional operations,” said Frazier.

He came equipped with futuristic photos, charts documenting finances and an eager outlook on what’s coming for Chelan County PUD. Frazier seemed open about the decision making process, the timeline and financial aspects

along with how it will affect PUD customers.

“The PUD, coming out of the 2014/2015 strategic planning process, identified re-investment in our facilities a major priority,” said Frazier.

“Our priority has always been low cost, very reliable power and facilities were put in the backseat. This is the first time we’ve brought our facilities to the forefront.”

In 2017 and 2018, there was \$50 million put aside to be designated for facility improvements. The total cost was estimated around \$135 million – which according to a press release, is the least expensive of the five alternatives. The new center will be a consolidation project that will simplify the branches of the PUD into one place.

“We didn’t have consolidation in our analysis. We just assumed we needed to keep a presence downtown, but through the process we were like wow well that’s limiting our ability to be productive. The customer advisory group was like you should look at consolidation. It’s very popular in the private sector, to bring

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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Adventure park - great idea - wrong location

In the February 25 issue of the "Echo" I read the letter to editor from Doug Gann or Leavenworth.

Mr. Gann was echoed my feelings as resident that uses Icicle Road daily since our home is dependent on this as well.

It is my belief that we already have huge traffic & pedestrian problem that will only get worse if the park is built. As a resident that drives Icicle Road many times in a day I can tell you that on many occasions I have been very close to having an accident. Currently there are so many cars going in so many directions we a looking at creating an even larger problem. Then let's add the problem of people using Icicle Road to cross the road. Now you will add even more foot traffic on both sides of Hwy 2 as well. Not to mention the many bikers that use Icicle Road in the summer.

Here are other reasons why this is not the spot for a park:

1. We already have a problem of limited parking with festivals. Folks are already parking on both sides of Icicle during festivals.

2. This park is much too close to the downtown core that already is hurting due to increase in traffic and little extra space. Not mention the noise for those residents within a short distance from the project.

3. The increase in pedestrians.

4. There is limited parking that currently exists and if the developers think this will be as popular as anticipated... they have a problem as does the city. Based on their current proposal 69 parking stalls will fall short as Mr. Gann has indicated.

I also know that the business community would love to see more tourists but that does not take into consideration of the residents of area. They do not have to deal with many traffic problems that this will make worst.

As indicated before this is a great idea but bad location. That mountain side is fine just as is and I would like to see it stay that way. I do not look forward to more traffic at that intersection. When I moved here over 20 years ago the traffic on Icicle Road was very light to be sure. Due to the increase in homes and the expansion of Sleeping Lady the traffic is so much worst these days.

These are just some thoughts as to why I hope and pray that this project does not take place. I agree with Mr. Gann that the City should disapprove the Conditional Use Permit.

Respectfully submitted
Ken Kohnhorst
Leavenworth

Adventure park

Put lipstick on a pig and it's still a pig. The same can be said about the proposed Adventure Park in Leavenworth. The developers second proposal does virtually nothing to mitigate the negative impacts of their project.

Everyone who uses Icicle Rd and Hwy 2 will be adversely affected by this project. It will create a traffic nightmare for residents and visitors as well as thru traffic on Hwy 2. The inadequate parking will also create a nightmare as people will park along Icicle Rd or wherever they can.

Pedestrians coming from town will cause even more congestion and safety concerns as they attempt to cross Icicle Rd. The noise and lighting coming from the park will bother the adjacent residential areas.

Despite all of this those in favor of the project say that we should just accept it because it's "good" for Leavenworth, whatever that means. They also say that if you don't live in the city limits your opinion doesn't count.

This is interesting since the developers don't live in the area. It shouldn't even have to be mentioned that those who live outside the city limits spend money in Leavenworth but you don't

hear complaints about that. Given that many more people live outside the city limits in 98826 it's safe to say that they contribute more to the Leavenworth economy than city residents. This is a quality of life issue. There is nothing wrong in wanting to see Leavenworth maintain a mostly rural small town atmosphere rather than turn into Seattle East. There is so much local opposition to this project it's surprising the developers still want to locate here.

No matter how much lipstick is put on the Adventure Park it's still going to create traffic, parking, noise and safety problems for those who live and visit here. The obvious solution is to locate it at a ski area like all similar projects around the country not next to residential areas.

Fred Carani
Leavenworth

Friends of Leavenworth Responds

We were a bit surprised to read the Echo's editorial about our non-profit organization - Friends of Leavenworth - in the March 13 edition of the Echo, since the Editor has never met with any of us on the board to verify the statements he made about us.

Over the past year, we have shared our group's objectives in several open public meetings, including the one we held on Friday, March 15, where the fire hall was filled to standing room only. We have held these open meetings to better understand the concerns of the residents so that we can advocate for their issues. In addition, we have met with business owners, local employees, and City Council members to understand their perspectives.

Perhaps it would be helpful for us to clarify here what we are about, by sharing with you our mission statement and objectives;

Mission: As Leavenworth area residents, we seek to work together to preserve our quality of life and unique environment for present and future generations.

Objectives:

- To protect the health, safety, and quality of life for residents, now and into the future.
 - To promote sustainable tourism and diverse economic growth.
 - To work cooperatively with city, county and state agencies to ensure balanced policies that allow growth while protecting the unique qualities of our community.
 - To partner with the business community on shared goals.
 - To preserve and protect the natural environment.
- We are not against tourism or against

growth. Rather, we are for preservation of the quality of life for residents and the quality of the experience for tourists. We understand there will be growth in our community. The challenge is how to grow wisely, so as not to destroy the small-town character, beauty, and natural environment that is valued by residents and tourists alike.

In January, we took a poll of the 750 people who subscribe to our mailing list, almost all of whom live within the 98826 Zip Code.

About 230 people took the survey. We asked people to list their top concerns about the issues facing our community. Here, in rank order, is what they told us: Traffic, Parking, Lack of City focus on residents' issues, Environmental damage, and Outside money influence on development. Sixty-five percent (65%) of the people who responded to the survey have lived in the community for more than 10 years. Forty percent (40%) live within the city limits and 60% live in the unincorporated area.

In Ted Price's book, *Miracle Town*, Pauline Watson - who was one of the first building owners in town to adopt the Bavarian theme - is quoted as saying, "I think the greatest challenge is still ahead of us - that somehow we have got to figure out how to have growth, and yet how to keep being a village."

We invite residents who are interested in the future of our valley to join with us. And, we invite Mr. Forhan, who is also the President of the Chamber of Commerce, to sit down over coffee and begin a dialogue with us.

Kirvil Skinnarland
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operations together and have that energy of people working together," said Frazier.

The open house for Leavenworth residents to provide input and pose questions about the new Service Center is March 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Lodging tax is a constant fixture for many city council discussion. Tuesday morning the council members weeded through the group funding requests to prep for the city council meeting later that night. With only \$10,000 reserved for group funding and money intended to be seed money, the council had a total of \$30,000 worth of requests.

"There are some lodging tax group funding requests that don't fit the category altogether. And there are some who are asking for a third, fourth and fifth year and so I think we have to have a pretty in-depth discussion about our policy regarding lodging tax group funding requests before we even look at these," said Mayor Farivar.

The conversation had some conflicting opinions that pushed the council to brainstorm for future avenues to take to avoid turning down certain groups that don't fit the criteria, but are worthy causes. Some of the qualifications for lodging tax group funding: advertising to attract people 50 miles out, new groups just starting up and falling under the three year cap on how many years the city will fund the group.

"I, personally, just with a big list, a big dollar number would like to be true to our word and just say this is not meeting our requirements," said Mia Bretz, council member. "I want the lodging tax to follow its own rules, to have a rationale. It's such a large fund, it has a lot of attention on it and I want to be able to say this is why and this is how it's fair."

The council decided that at their next workshop they are going to scrutinize the policy and then circle back to the groups that were denied requests. Instead of deviating from the current rules in place to reward funding, some of the groups (Icicle Valley Trout Unlimited Kinderfest Youth Fishing) were delegated to a different category of grant funding (i.e. youth funding).

"I would love to be more generous with this \$10,000 because it's such a small amount of the big bottom lodging tax funding," said Jason Lundgren, council member. "Looking ahead to April I would love to see us grow the pot significantly, set a percent of the lodging tax so it can fluctuate over time and take out some of the subjectivity we're struggling with."

Dawn Davies from the Wenatchee Valley Animal Care and Control stopped in to discuss the upcoming contract renewal between the city and animal control. The new contract will basically mirror the former contract that expires March 31.



You're Invited — Join us at an upcoming Open House!
Come find out what all the buzz is about!

Chelan PUD is talking about consolidating its Wenatchee-area customer and utility operations at one location in Olds Station. There are several reasons why:

- Customer service improvements
- Employee productivity improvements
- Safety improvements
- Long-term financial savings

Find out more at one of the Open Houses scheduled in March:
Service Center open houses, 4-6 p.m.:

- March 18** — Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, 127 S. Mission, Wenatchee
- March 19** — Cashmere Riverside Center, 201 Riverside Drive
- March 20** — Chelan County Fire 3 station, Leavenworth, 228 Chumstick Hwy
- March 21** — Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Chelan, 216 E. Woodin Ave
- March 25** — Entiat Fire Hall, 2200 Entiat Way

You also can view a virtual Open House at chelanpud.org/ServiceCenter.

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Sunday, 9 a.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Sunday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Tuesday, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans St.
Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Thursday, noon, Kristalls Restaurant, 280 US-Hwy.2, Leavenworth
Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain
Information number for Alanon: 509-548-7939
Alanon Meeting Schedule:
Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.

Community Calendar

Wednesday
Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m., Peshastin Memorial Hall. Call Abby Bergren, 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.

Thursday
Autumn Leaf Festival Association meetings, 6 p.m. at the Icicle Village Inn, in the Lake Wenatchee Room. Hwy 2. Call President Jim, 670-3343 or Secretary, Carol 670-1723. Everyone is welcome to attend. (1st Thurs. of every month, unless notified otherwise.)
Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, 8 a.m., Kristall's Restaurant, Bill Forhan, president. Call Chamber, 548-5807. Everyone is invited to attend as a guest. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Leavenworth Lions Club, Kristall's Restaurant, Conrad Delury, president, (509) 387-5051. (1st Thurs. at 6:30 p.m. and 3rd Thurs. at Noon)
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.)

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.)
Leavenworth Rotary Club, 11:45 a.m. Kristall's Restaurant, Penny Carpenter, president. For more information, 509-885-0441.

Saturday
No Events Scheduled.

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No Events Scheduled.

Monday
Chumstick Grange Hall, 2 p.m., Helen Kensrud, 782-4086. (2nd & 4th Mon.)
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. Call 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.)

Tuesday
I.P.I.D. Meeting, 8 a.m., Anthony "Toni" Jantzer, 782-2561, meeting at Wescott Dr. in Cashmere. (2nd Tues.)
Icicle Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, 6:30 p.m., Icicle Village Inn, Lake Wenatchee Room. Call Dave, 548-0903. (2nd Tues.)
Cascade Medical Board Meeting, 9 a.m., at 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 Degel, (206) 356-4288 or Judi Little (425) 870-2089. (2nd Tues.)
Upper Valley Women's Bible Study, Noon, at King Ludwig's. Call Delores Hall, 548-7803.
Buns, Book and Tea, Peshastin Book Club, 1 p.m., Peshastin Library. Call Kathy Springer, 509-433-1345. (3rd Tues.)
Cascade Education Foundation, 1 p.m., Boardroom at Cascade District office. Call Ken West, 670-1729.
LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 548-5477. (1st Tues.)
Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 p.m. Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leaveworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)

Ongoing events
Leavenworth Public Library: 548-7923.
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, open 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
 Thursday, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m.
 Friday, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
 Closed on weekends and Holidays.
Special events:
 Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., **Baby story time**
 Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., **Preschool story time**
Peshastin Public Library: 548-7821.
 Monday, 2 - 6 p.m.
 Tuesday, 1 - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.
Special events:
 Tuesday, 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Stories and crafts in Spanish and English.
 Wednesday: 10:30 - 11 a.m., **Preschool and toddlers, Story time.**
 Closed weekends.
Upper Valley Museum:
 347 Division St., 548-0728. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 548-7641. Open daily, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Regional events
SCORE (small business counseling), 1 - 4 p.m. Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce. Call for appointment, 888-2900. (Tues. & Thurs.)
Cascadia Conservation District Board Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room, Wenatchee World Building, 14 N. Mission St., Wenatchee. 509-436-1601.
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

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Senior Center Events

Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth
 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 a.m., Gentle Exercise
 Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Leavenworth Area Seniors' Council Board meeting
 Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Crafts
 Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Square Dancing
 Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bavarian Dancing
 Friday, 6:00 p.m., Bingo
 Saturday 6:30-9:00 p.m., Music, Public Welcome, No cover charge


City Council Meetings

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, Joel Walinski 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, Joel Walinski 548-5275 (2nd & 4th Tues.)

Senior Center Menus

Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth
 Please call 548-6666, 24 hours in advance to reserve a meal. Meals are served at noon.
March 21, Thursday: French dip, beets, pea salad, tropical fruit, dessert.
March 22, Friday: Beef tacos, Spanish rice, spiced salad, Mandarin oranges, dessert.
March 23, Saturday & March 24, Sunday: no lunch.
March 25, Monday: Stuffed peppers, green beans, pears & blueberries, whole wheat bread or roll, dessert.
March 26, Tuesday: Tuna noodle casserole, peas & carrots, Caesar salad, peaches, garlic bread, dessert.
March 27, Wednesday: Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice pilaf, Capri vegetables. Greek salad, fruit salad, whole wheat roll, dessert.

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.

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March 8
 06:49 Public assist, 27875 White River Rd.
 08:49 Weapons violation, 225 Central Ave.
 9:00 Harass/threat, 21311 SR. 207.
 14:38 Civil, 8579 Ludwig Hill Rd., Peshastin.
 16:59 911, 8402 Lake St., Peshastin.
 18:41 Fraud/forgery, 18240 Roaring Creek Rd.
 21:14 Suspicious, School & Main Streets, Peshastin.

March 9
 13:36 Property, 228 Chumstick Hwy.
 15:40 Property, 707 US Hwy 2, A Book for All Seasons.
 16:15 Trespass, 2419 Salal Dr., Lake Wenatchee.
 19:42 Public assist, 10th & Commercial Streets.
 20:35 Welfare check, 3868 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin.

March 10
 00:51 Suspicious, Cedar St. & Kelley Ave.
 11:43 Property, 901 Front St., Baren Haus.
 13:09 Assist agency, US Hwy. 2 MP 71., Lake Wenatchee.
 13:23 911, 190 Us Hwy. 2., Der Ritterhof.
 13:24 Traffic offense, 3565 Hansel Ln., Peshastin.
 17:03 Alarm, 900 Front St.
 17:47 Court order violation, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway.
 18:22 Parking/abandon, 932 Front St., Starbucks.
 19:33 Fireworks, Main & Pine Streets.

March 11
 00:32 Accident, no injury, Chumstick Hwy., MP 2.
 05:30 Suspicious, 12079 Chumstick Hwy.
 09:18 Fraud/forgery, 231 Scholze St.
 10:04 Welfare check, 24611 Spur St., Plain.
 14:01 Harass/threat, 10190 Chumstick Hwy.

16:58 Welfare check, 24110 Morgan St., Plain.
 19:30 Assist agency, US Hwy. 2 & 9th St.
 19:36 Theft, 8731 Deadman Hill Rd., Dryden.

March 12
 00:40 Public assist, 11734 US Hwy. 2, Sage Mountain.
 10:12 Vehicle prow, 620 Birch St.
 14:44 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy., MP 11.
 15:21 911, 309 8th St., Post Hotel.
 15:42 Parking/abandon, Blk. Merry Canyon Rd.
 16:28 Attempt to locate, 8925 Merry Canyon Rd.
 19:02 Vehicle prow, 263 Mine St., #230.
 21:38 Warrant, 12575 Laird Rd.

March 13
 15:02 911, 500 Pine St., Alpine Lakes.
 15:43 Trespass, 8292 Lynn St., Peshastin.
 16:59 Trespass, 315 Commercial St.
 20:03 Suspicious, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway.
 20:28 Warrant, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway.

March 14
 00:12 Animal problem, 185 US Hwy. 2, Fairbridge.
 08:25 Accident, no injury, 111 Ski Hill Dr.
 09:31 Suspicious, 1300 Commercial St. #111.
 10:17 Welfare check, Park Ave. & Cherry St.
 11:19 Traffic offense, 10190 Chumstick Hwy.
 13:22 Civil, 16991 N. Shore Dr., Lake Wenatchee.
 13:31 Suspicious, 10190 Chumstick Hwy.
 14:44 Traffic offense, 7938 Saunders Rd., Peshastin.
 15:30 Harass/threat, 10190 Chumstick Hwy.
 16:11 Warrant, Merry Canyon Rd. & Chumstick Hwy.
 20:31 Public assist, 528 Price Ave.
 21:22 At/acc, 10580 Chumstick Hwy.

Kid's Nutcracker Making Contest
Judging April 13, 2019

The Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum invites students to participate in the 3rd Annual Kid's Nutcracker Making Contest. This contest encourages creativity for students to design and build their own instrument to crack a nut.

Judging categories will be grades 1 thru 4, grades 5 thru 8, and grades 9 thru 12. This year there will be two levels of prize money for the winning nutcracker creations for each grade level... First Place: \$100.00 and Second Place: \$50.00. Judging will be held on April 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Better get crackin' and get the nutcracker made!
 Kids are to use their own imagination to make an instrument that will crack a nut and enter it in our contest ending on Nutcracker Day, April 13, 2019. The entry has to be their own design and work, and it must be able to crack a hazelnut.

Go to www.nutcrackerday.com for contest rules, some great ideas or to complete an online entry form.
 Call 509-548-4573 for questions.

Leavenworth

Finalist Superintendent Interviews
 The Cascade School District Board has invited Dr. Wade Barringer and Dr. Tracey Beckendorf-Edou back next week for finalist interviews. Tracey's interview was on Tuesday, March 19 and Wade will interview on Wednesday, March 20. The community is invited to meet the two finalists and ask questions during the community forum each evening from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the district office board room located at 330 Evans St., Leavenworth. (e 12).
Empty Bowls Artists Bowls Auction
 Don't miss the 23rd annual Upper Valley Empty Bowls on-line auction of bowls hand painted by local artists. From 8 a.m. through 10 p.m. March 20, 21 bowls designed and created by local artists and potters will be available for bidding on-line at the Upper Valley MEND website (www.uvmend.org). Each bowl is also available for immediate purchase with a "buy it now" price. The Community Soup Supper is March 21 at 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Leavenworth Festhalle. All proceeds from the auction benefit Leavenworth's Community Cupboard food bank and a small art grant benefitting local youth. For more info, contact Diane dndpartytour@gmail.com (e 11, 12).

False Promises: the Lost Land of the Wenatchi
 The Red Barn at the Wenatchee River Institute will host the movie. The movie will start at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, doors open at 4 p.m for no host bar and social half hour. Free admission, but \$5 donation suggested at door. For more info, contact Rachel at 548-0181 (e 11, 12).
Last day for Social Walking
 The last day will be on Thursday, March 28. We will continue to walk Mondays through Thursdays 7-9 a.m. until the 28th, with two exceptions: no walking on Thursday, March 21 or Monday, March 25. (e 12, 13).

Leavenworth Red Cross Blood Drive
 The Leavenworth Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be held on Thursday, April 4 from 1-6 p.m. at 10170 Titus Rd., Leavenworth. For information or scheduling an appointment, call 1-800-REDCROSS, (1-800-733-2767). Walk-ins are welcomed (e 12, 13).

Book-It Repertory Theatre presents New Shoes
 The Leavenworth Library on April 1 at 11 a.m., there will be live theatrical performance based on the picture book by Susan Lynn Meyer. For more info, call 548-7923 (e 12, 13).

Is Truth Really Dead in America?
 Professor Steven Stehr from Washington State University will be presenting and NCW United and Humanities Washington will be hosting the event. A free presentation on April 16 at 7 p.m. at the Canyon Wren Recital Hall. For more information, ed@ncwunited.org or (425)457-6266. (er 12,13).

A "Meet the Artist Party"
 Will be held for artist, Pacia Dixon, at the Leavenworth Library on Thursday, March 28, from 6:30 to 7:30. She will be presenting, "Writing a Story with Art Supplies". Her show with watercolors, acrylics and oils will hang from March 18 through April 23. (e 12, 13).

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Women's Service League NCW
 The WSL will have a prom dress giveaway event on Saturday, March 23, 10 p.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at My Girlfriend's Closet location 315 9th St., in Wenatchee, former location of Hastings, across from Confluence Health. The event is free and open to all high school students. Students must show their Student ID to be admitted into the event. Prom Dresses, Dresses, and Jewelry can be donated for this event at Brad Huddle Allstate and Banner Bank. Contact, Callie Klein, 670-4161 or calliekleinco@gmail.com (er 12).


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Neighbors

City council skates over ice rink possibility

By KALIE DRAGO
Echo Reporter

In a town many flock to when temperatures drop and the calendar flips to the holiday season, it's fitting that a temporary ice rink company called "Holiday on Ice" would be interested in Leavenworth. At the March 12 study session, the city council glided over the details about the possible ice rink, lodging tax group funding options and other assorted business.

Rich Yakkey came to present his ice rink company and the proposal of a possible partnership with the city. Despite warm weather teasingly on the horizon and summer stretching ahead temptingly, the city is already looking to the 2019/2020 winter season - including the temporary ice rink in (possibly) Lion's Park.

"I reached out to Joel several years back, he said we have a major parking problem, we're going to get through this - then we'll talk," said Yakkey.

After a few years of Yakkey pinning for Leavenworth and its holiday magic, city administrator, Joel Walinski, gave Yakkey a call back and informed him Leavenworth was ready for the possibility of an ice rink. Yakkey at the study session seemed to be eyeing Lion's Park for the location and the council seemed to be in agreement.

"The best location is right here in the park (Lion's Park). It seems like the most secure, there's public bathrooms right there, it's got natural beauty, close to as flat as possible. We're right here next to the City Hall," said Yakkey.

Besides bathroom acces-

sibility, the pool parking lot offering parking space and being pretty level for the rink, in Lion's Park there would be more room than other possible locations to put up a larger rink - meaning they could accommodate more skaters. Normal capacity is around 200 skaters at once and the company is striving for 800-1000 people a day, according to Yakkey.

"I feel like the location is critical. It's close enough to downtown, if we have visitors they'll come up here with their kids - if it was too far away that might not be the case. The other thing is visibility with the highway with the traffic is going to be wonderful," said Mayor Cheri Farivar.

With the former popularity of a real ice rink, the Mayor predicts that the temporary, manually made ice rink, will be a hot (cold) spot for individuals to be drawn to. She also noted the busy hill that most have seen many little ones and their parents sled down late into the evening.

"In the old days, we flooded this spot here with a fire hose in the winter and let Mother Nature freeze it for us," said Mayor Farivar. "It was so popular and so much fun, that I'm really excited about this idea."

Tickets typically vary from \$15 to \$16 per ticket purchased, but Yakkey doesn't put a time cap on how long skaters have on the ice. Special rates and discounts for teams (i.e. a hockey or local skate team) that come out could be offered.

Beyond the incentive of providing a new tangent of fun for both locals and tourists, there is a monetary element

that pays off too. Holiday on Ice has offered to keep the first \$200,000 of ticket sales then they'd give back 25% of the ticket sales to the city of Leavenworth. The city also prompted the company to collect zip codes so that there is the future possibility of using lodging tax money for the city's part of putting up the rink.

"I think this is a real low risk for the city and I think it'll be successful, the neat thing is it will give us knowledge if we go forward," said Elmer Larsen, council member.

As for when to keep eyes peeled for the icy attraction, the council discussed possibly opening the rink from November 1 to February 1 (nothing concrete yet). This is when most tourists are bustling around town looking for something to do - and that dreary time of year when some locals could start catching cabin fever and look for something new to do in town.

"We have the ability to support the activity. I think it is a good test. A wonderful opportunity for both parties," said Larsen.



Photo courtesy of Rich Winkleman

Spring Fashion Show and Tea Fundraiser

Please join Chapter JF/WA P.E.O. (a Philanthropic Educational Organization), on Thursday, April 11, at 1 p.m. for the annual fundraising event held at the Icicle Village Resort 505 US HWY. 2, Leavenworth. Light luncheon and tea and showcasing styles from the Upper Valley shops. Cost is \$30 per person. Due to limited seating, please make your reservation and advanced payment by April 4. Make checks payable to: Chapter JF
Mail to: 160 Dell Pl. - Leavenworth - 98826 or call Vangie Schasse, 509-888-5309 or email vschasse@gmail.com.

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Amendments and approvals made on city council meeting

they vote.

"For the map amendment its pretty straightforward, there was no public comment on it and the planning commission was happy to recommend approval of the map amendment," said Vespier.

"One of the proposed changes if from multi family to industrial for a single lot that was just annexed into city with the intent that this property be used for the public works facility.

Second proposed amendment are three parcels along Icicle Road. The request is to change it from recreational to residential."

This rezoning amendment was passed unanimously - both properties are owned by the city.

What didn't pass unanimously was where the lodging tax group funding was allocated.

Discussion over how much and who would receive the popular funding brewed at both the study session and the econ committee prior to the city council meeting.

"There were two or three other worthy events," said Mayor Farivar.

"Leavenworth Village Voices and Icicle Trout Unlimited Kinderfest Youth Fishing -

those two don't strictly fit the group funding regulations, so what we're going to do is come back and see if there's another way to fund them."

The Cascade Farmlands Big Chill Ciderfest takes place in Cashmere which caused some eye brow raises and hesitation from some council members.

The money was requested because the stance that the Cashmere based festival will pull visitors to gravitate toward Leavenworth hotels. Waters was the hold out, but the other three council members present voted in favor for the \$1200 to be awarded.

"My biggest concern is the Cascade Farmlands. Are we going to give local, Leavenworth lodging tax to something going on in Cashmere? Or are we opening Pandora's Box by doing that?" said Waters earlier that day at the study session.

The Blue Lotus Foundation was awarded \$1200 with a unanimous vote.

The city will come back to the March 26 meeting with decisions made on other groups after reaching out to the festivals in the mean time.

At the retreat in April, the council is going to analyze the requirements and lodging tax for future requests.

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Opioid Response Conference ignites important conversations

increase," said Fontinos.

Banta-Green strayed closer on preventive action and explaining the reasoning behind each.

He did pair some shocking facts as well and emphasized that the line between prescribed opioids (i.e. Oxycotin) and hard, street drug heroin is very faint.

He concentrated on reminding the audience to remain vigilant, especially on the youth, when opioids are in possession.

"The fundamental issue that's going on here is that us as humans have a natural

predisposition toward opioids - but historically most of us weren't exposed to them and now a majority of us are which is a major reason for the massive change we've seen the last twenty years."

It appeared brainstorming in a large forum where ideas can bounce between concerned individuals in the community is a productive way to help lessen the devastating statistics.

"The whole purpose of this is to develop some community action plans or projects that can be implemented in the community," said Christal Eschelmann, conference chair.

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Scott Bradshaw running for mayor

councils and commissions. I understand all the process and procedures," said Bradshaw.

Bradshaw is looking ahead and arranging his agenda around what he's observed needs some tweaks in his beloved town.

He's approaching issues with a step by step formula - such as housing, with tackling infrastructure first to create a good foundation for what's to come.

"Our infrastructure in town, there's a number of things we need to make sure our adequate for any new growth inside the city. We need to make sure our streets are well

maintained, our water system is up to date and adequate for growth and we also need to make sure our sewer system is adequate for our residents and our visitors," said Bradshaw.

If elected Bradshaw has an array of ideas and also, formulating the base of how to start the progress he wants to see in Leavenworth.

"I'm looking at keeping up the good progress that the city has made over the years and at the same time solving some of our issues. I don't see these as unsolvable problems. I see them as issues that can be addressed through good, strong, pragmatic work and solutions."

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Cascade's Julian Alvarez (right) collides into the Prosser goalie after kicking the ball. Teammate Raul Mata would score on Alvarez's assist.



All Photos by Al Stover

Cascade's Arturo Avila (left) watches the Prosser miss the ball before it crosses the goal line. Avila scored two goals during the Kodiaks' 7-1 win over the Mustangs on March 16.



The Kodiaks' Raul Mata (right) celebrates his goal with teammate Eduardo Camarena.

CASCADE SCOREBOARD

Boys Soccer

March 16 Cascade 7, Prosser 1

CASCADE SCHEDULE

Baseball

March 23 Cascade at Clover Park at 3 p.m.

March 23 Cascade at Clover Park at 5 p.m.

Boys Soccer

March 21 Cascade at Toppenish at 6 p.m.

March 23 Cascade at Wahluke at 11 a.m.

March 26 Cashmere at Cascade at 4:30 p.m.

Golf

March 26 Okanogan at Cascade at 2:30 p.m.

March 28 Cascade at Quincy at 2:30 p.m.

Softball

March 22 Cascade at Quincy at 4:30 p.m.

March 23 Cascade at Okanogan at 11 a.m.

March 23 Cascade at Okanogan at 1 p.m.

March 26 Zillah at Cascade at 3 p.m.

March 26 Zillah at Cascade at 5 p.m.

Tennis

March 21 Cascade at Ephrata at 4 p.m.

March 25 Cascade at Prosser at 4 p.m.

Track

March 23 Ray Cross Invitational at Ephrata at 10 a.m.

Cascade boys soccer mauls Prosser in season opener

By AL STOVER

WENATCHEE, Washington - After three weeks indoors and game cancellations, the Cascade High School boys soccer team began their march toward state on March 16 with a 7-1 nonleague win against Prosser at the Apple Bowl in Wenatchee.

The Kodiaks gained an early lead in the first 10 minutes of the match after back-to-back goals from Arturo Avila. Cascade continued their solid passing and footwork throughout the first half. Julian Alvarez chipped in his first goal of the season at the 33rd minute to give the Kodiaks a 3-0 lead in the first half.

Cascade continued their offensive momentum in the second half as Jose Rivera hit a header goal to boost Cascade's lead three minutes into the frame. Raul Mata scored the team's next two goals, the first off of a penalty kick while the second came off an assist from Alvarez.

Prosser prevented the shutout with a goal late in the second half. Cascade answered with a goal from Efrén Guerrero at the 23 minute mark to give the Kodiaks

their final point of the game.

Co-Head Coach Pete Spiegel said he was pleased with how the team played in their first game, despite not having practiced on a live field this season. Like other sports teams, the Kodiaks were forced to practice indoors because of the snow and unplayable field conditions.

Although practicing indoors limited Cascade in working on their passing and long game, it allowed them to test different formations and player positions, which they applied in the Prosser match.

"It gets old being in the gym for three weeks," Spiegel added. "It was the first time on the field and it gave us some energy. It was nice to see and we had lots of opportunities to finish. To get seven goals in a game without being on a field was good to see."

Co-Head Coach Jesus Sandoval noted the team was supposed to have played three previous games, but those matches were scratched due to weather. He added that the team's first scheduled Caribou Trail League contest against Omak on March 19 was also canceled. Sandoval the

team will still be practicing indoors for the next week or two.

Cascade travels to Toppenish on March 21 to play the 2A Central Washington Athletic Conference Wildcats in a nonleague match.

"We've still got some work to do, but it's a positive start," Spiegel added.



Cascade's Jose Rivera (right) looks to move the ball downfield past a Prosser defender.

Icicle Trackers place at Special Olympics



File photo
Icicle Trackers' Tim McKenzie (right) won the Division 8 Snowshoe 200M race in with a time of 1 minute and .50 seconds.

By AL STOVER

The Icicle Trackers cross country ski team, based out of Leavenworth, had several athletes place in the 2019 Special Olympics Winter games on March 3.

Daniel Anderman won the Division 8 Cross Country 100 meter race in 1 minute and 34.88 while Charles Hickok finished second in 2:20.06.

Joseph Dawson won the Division 15 Cross Country 1K race in 7:26.

Dawson clinched the Division 10 cross country 500M race in 3:29. Eric Stewart finished second in the event with a time of 4:16.

Jesse Barke won the Division 16 Cross Country 1K race in 8:44 while Stewart finished second with a time of 10:08. Barke also won the Division

5 Cross Country 2.5K race in 21:37. Jackson Buhler captured the Division 18 Cross Country 1K race in 9:17. Alex Darlington took second clocking in at 9:37.

Darlington took home the Division 12 Cross Country 500M race in 8:06 while Charles Hickok finished second in 16:45.

Robert Martin won the Division 19 Cross Country 5K race in 27:02. He also finished second in the Division 3 Cross Country 2.5 K race in 13:03. Leo Black took fourth in the same event with a time of 15:18. Black also finished second in the Division 20 Cross Country 5K race in 33:28.

Nicoleta Bard won the Division 9 Cross Country 500M race in 5:54. Nora Schott took second with a time of 6:14

while Erin Imes placed fourth, clocking in at 9:03.

Shannon Wiest took second in the Division 25 Cross Country 100 meter race in 3:44.97. She also took second in the Division 26 50M Ski Race in 1:05.34.

Bard finished second in the Division 14 Cross Country 1K race with a time of 12:30 while Schott finished third in 14:05.

Buhler placed second in the Division 11 Cross Country 500M race in 5:48 while Anderman finished fourth in 7:56.

Imes finished third in the Division 7 Cross Country 100M race in 1:38.31.

In team events, the group of Barke, Buhler, Kelly Millman, Charles Brawner Reppas and Dale Swanson won the U03 4x1K Unified Relay Race.

Black, Martin, Mary Riemann, Larry Savage and Caedmon Wilkinson finished second in the U01 4x1K Unified

Relay Race.

In snowshoeing events, David Dumore finished second in the Division 5 Snowshoe 100M race in 1:08.85. Josh Pinneo also competed in the event.

Tim McKenzie won the Division 8 Snowshoe 200M race in with a time of 1:00.50. Alex Bergland finished third in 1:54.60 and Pinneo came in fourth, clocking in at 3:30.25.

Bergland finished third in the Division 1 Snowshoe 400M race in 4:59.29.

Matthew Bangsund took second in the Division 9 200 Snowshoe 200M race with a time of 2:02 while Dunmore took fourth in 2:56.63.

Bangsund also finished fourth in the Division 2 Snowshoe 400M race in 5:16.22.

The team of Bergland, Dunmore, Kimiko Salle and Emma Savage won the Division 12 Snowshoe 4x200 unified relay.

Heavyweight champ Joshua faces toughest opponent – the American audience



THE RED CORNER
AL STOVER

Boxing heavyweight champion and Britain's own Anthony Joshua has seemingly conquered the European landscape and is set to face his next challenge on American soil.

Joshua, who is 22-0 with 21 knockouts, will fight for the first time in the United States on June 1 when he takes on Jarrell "Big Baby" Miller at Madison Square Garden.

However, it's not Miller who many believe will be Joshua's toughest obstacle in his American debut. Many believe – and hope – that he will cruise through Miller like had his previous opponents. They believe his next challenge lies in getting over with the U.S. fanbase.

Joshua, along with Deontay Wilder and Tyson Fury are leading this new golden age of boxing's heavyweight division. Even with an impressive resume and a good look, pundits wonder if Joshua can be a fighter who American fans will gravitate toward.

It's no secret that boxing's popularity has waned in the United States for the last several years. There are numerous factors in the sport's decline in America, such as the rise mixed martial arts, and the high price of tickets and pay per view fights. You could go further and note that there is a lack of boxing awareness among casual sports fans.

Boxing has big names like Saul Canelo Alvarez and Gennady

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Cascade's Gloria Campbell was one of CHS team members who participated in their first WAHSET District 1 competition, from March 14-17 in Wenatchee.

Cascade's Heidi Dougherty competed in several events during her first WAHSET District 1 competition, including the Idaho Stake Race.

Cascade students embrace Rotary motto of "Service Above Self"

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As Upper Valley residents, we are very fortunate in many ways but one that many don't know about is a student club that is dedicated to serve.

"Interact" is the name of the club which is a youth oriented organization sponsored by Leavenworth Rotary Club. "Cascade Cares" is the name of the student club from Cascade High School and these young students have done all kinds of activities to benefit others.

Listed below is just a sampling of some of their service and activities these young folks have been doing over the last two years.

- Volunteered at the Rotary Christmas Lighting food booth
- Decorated cookies for residents of Mountain Meadows for Valentine's Day
- Volunteered at "Empty Bowls" supporting MEND
- Will soon be providing Child Care for a local parent training on "Love and Logic"
- Organized Red Cross Blood Drive

- Did some heavy lifting for a Rotarian in need
- Played Bingo with the residents of Cornerstone Northwest Harvest
- Planted special vegetation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve habitat for the Monarch butterfly
- Cleaned up playground at Enchantment Park
- Volunteered at Birdfest

These are just a few ways that these unselfish students have embraced service as a lifestyle. The leadership that is being demonstrated by our Interact students is great to observe. They are teaming together and planning service involvement at weekly meetings.

The members keep track of their volunteer hours, knowing that college admission and scholarships often are tipped in favor of those who contribute to their community but that isn't the reason that they give up their weekends and evenings to help others; it's just the way they want to live. We in the Upper Valley are fortunate to have young people like these.



CHS Equestrian Team begins season in Wenatchee

By AL STOVER

WENATCHEE, Washington — The Cascade High School Equestrian Team opened their season at the Washington High School Equestrian Team (WAHSET) District 1 competition, March 14-17.

Second-year team member and club president Ava Holmes took first in the Dressage event while Sasha Morgan and Hailey Birmingham tied for 13th. She was also first in the Hunt Seat Equestrian Over Fences event.

Holmes took third in the Hunt Seat Equestrian event while Sasha Morgan was 14th.

Gloria Campbell, competing in her first WAHSET competition, was Cascade's top placer in the In-Hand Trail event, finishing fifth. Holmes finished sixth while Morgan was 10th and Heidi Dougherty came in 16th.

In showmanship, Holmes took fifth place, while Campbell came in sixth and Morgan was ninth.

Freshmen Ty Harris, of Cashmere, also competed in his first District competition. He finished 12th in both the Working Rancher and Steer Daubing events.

In the Barrels event, Birmingham finished with a time of 25.98 seconds while Dougherty clocked in at 27.566 seconds.

In team events, Dougherty, Morgan, Holmes, Birmingham and Harris won the Freestyle Fours competition.

The combined team of Campbell, Dougherty, Morgan, Holmes and Hailey Birmingham finished sixth in the In Hand Obstacle Relay (IHOR).

Birmingham and Holmes took fifth in the Team Sorting

competition, placing all 10 cows in their pen, in both attempts. Harris and Dougherty finished 21st, placing seven cows into the pen on their first attempt.

Holmes, Morgan and Birmingham finished 15th in the Working Pairs event while Campbell and Dougherty were

18th. The remaining results and final team scores of the WAHSET District 1 competition were not available as of press time.

The CHS Equestrian team will compete in their second District 1 meet from March 28-31 at the Applechee arena in Wenatchee.



Cascade's Hailey Birmingham and Ava Holmes (not pictured) took fifth in the Team Sorting competition, placing all 10 cows in their pen, in both attempts during the WAHSET District 1 event in Wenatchee.

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Golovkin, who hardcore boxing fans know and love. Yet very few boxers in recent years have achieved the levels of fame that legends like Muhammad Ali and Mike Tyson enjoyed in their heyday. The closest two would be Floyd Mayweather Jr., who goes back-and-forth between retirement and active, and Manny Pacquiao, whose popularity has slumped since his loss to Mayweather.

There are rising stars like Olympic gold medalist Claressa Shields, who is good but not at that superstar level – not yet anyway.

While boxing has taken a dive in the U.S., the sport continues to thrive outside of America, especially in Europe.

Joshua, an Olympic gold medalist, was a notable prospect early in his professional career, but he took a step toward stardom after his 11th round knockout of Wladimir Klitschko in 2017.

Critics will note that Joshua being from Europe might affect his potential popularity with American fans. While it is difficult for a fighter born outside of the U.S. to become popular with American fans, it's not impossible. Pacquiao is from the Philippines and he was a superstar, generating more than \$1.2 billion in revenue from his pay per view bouts.

Former UFC champion Conor McGregor is the biggest draw in MMA history, despite being born in Ireland. His boxing match with Mayweather also drew 4.3 million pay per view buys in North America, the second most in the sport's history.

Pacquiao's popularity comes from his humility and speaking highly of his opponents. On the other side, McGregor's popularity stems from him being loud and over-the-top, especially in the build-up to his fights, being unapologetic in his behavior and talk talking his opponents.

There are reasons for fans to gravitate toward Joshua. Like many fighters, he has humble origins and struggled during his youth, something many fight fans can relate to. He is well-spoken and ambitious. He also has solid punching power.

He has the tools and the look to be popular with American fans, he just needs to take more high profile fights and do a good job in promoting those bouts.

I hope Joshua gets over with American fans. Boxing needs more stars and a champion like Joshua could pave the way for a new crop of Sweet Science superstars.

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CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1275

On the 11 day of March, 2019 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1275.

A summary of the content provides as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 5.04 OF THE CASHMERE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT CHANGES REQUESTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BUSINESS LICENSING SERVICE IN ANTICIPATION OF FUTURE BUSINESS LICENSING BY SUCH AGENCY; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION; AND, SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
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, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815.

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Superior Court of Washington For Chelan County

In re the Estate of ERNEST LEE SUTTLES, Deceased.
NO. 19-4-00070-04

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The co-personal representatives named below has been appointed and has qualified as the co-personal representatives of this estate. Persons having claims against the deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the co-personal representatives, or the attorney of record, at the addresses stated below, and file an executed copy of the claim with the clerk of this court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or within four months after the date of filing of the copy of this notice with the clerk of the court, whichever is later or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or RCW 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred

DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS with clerk of the court: March 8, 2019
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DATED this 8th day of March 2019.

LAW OFFICE OF KYLE D. FLICK, P.S.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN S. VAUGHN, Deceased

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

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as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.

If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 19-4-00059-04

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CITY OF LEAVENWORTH

On the 12th day of March, 2019, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinance. A summary of the contents provides as follows:

Ordinance 1584: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, Washington adopting the City of Leavenworth Comprehensive Plan Map as amended for lands owned by the City of Leavenworth.

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Chantell R. Steiner, Finance Director/City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826.

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58th Annual Poison Prevention Week

Celebrated March 17-23

At 11:05 a.m. on a February morning in 1992, I heard the pharmacy door shut behind the evening shift staff, leaving me alone in the pharmacy for the next six hours. When the tomb-like quiet of the basement level pharmacy was shattered by a loud buzzing, I recognized the ringtone of our community's Poison Control phone. Hurrying past shelves of medicines to the small office housing it, I picked up the phone's bright red receiver on third ring. "Hello, this is Poison Control. I'm Louise; how can I help you?"

Every 12 seconds, someone in the United States calls a Poison Control Center, where 90% of callers get the help they need without having to go to the ER or to a doctor's office. Poisoning is the number one cause of injury-related death in the United States, with children younger than six years old accounting for over 50% of calls to poison centers. According to Stephen Kaminski, JD, the CEO and executive director of the American Association of Poison Control Centers, most cases are treated at the site of the poison exposure, saving about \$1.8 billion every year in direct medical costs, prevention, lost wages and productivity.

My caller that night was a distraught young man whose girlfriend got up that night, opened her medicine cabinet and took a swig from a bottle of what she thought was cough syrup but turned out to be something completely different. Like over 90% of poisonings, this occurred at home. Luckily, I was able to identify the offending substance quickly and start appropriate treatment, keeping her from needing additional medical care.

March 17-23 is the 58th observance of National Poison Prevention Week, one of the longest continuously running health and safety programs in the United States. Established in 1961 by Congress, the third full week of March calls attention to the vital role Poison Centers play in public health and safety. The very first Poison Control Center in Chicago celebrates its 67th anniversary this year, one of the 55 regional poison centers around the country.

On that February night back in 1992, I was at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, one of four hospitals in the state of Washington that housed a poison center back then, the others being St. Luke's Hospital in Spokane, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, and Children's Hospital in Seattle. While state funding originally



covered 60% of those poison control centers' operating costs, as demand for services increased, state support stayed flat, and by 1992 the 4 hospitals were footing 60% of the bill to keep their Poison Centers open, a total of \$1.3 million dollars annually and financially unsustainable. The state legislature voted to consolidate the centers, and by 1995 the transition to a single Poison Center for Washington State was complete.

Our state was not unique; most other community poison centers were forced to merge into regional ones as state funding continued to lag significantly behind the cost of providing poison management services. Finally, in 2005, a Poison Center Stabilization Grant from the federal government helped poison centers throughout the country bridge some of that financial gap, and today, federal funding continues to supply about 13% of the annual budgets for the 55 Regional Poison Centers across the country.

One enduring landmark of the 2005 Poison Center legislation was simplifying access. Instead of a having to find a local phone number to call for help, one toll-free number nationwide connected callers to whichever poison center was nearest them.

In addition to providing expert management for poison exposures, data on

the types of exposures poison centers handle is collected by a database called TESS (Toxic Exposure Surveillance System), providing up-to-date monitoring of poisoning patterns, chemical exposures and emerging threats to public health.

3 Ways to Be Prepared for a Poisoning Emergency:

1. Keep the toll-free Poison Center hotline handy.

Add the national toll-free Poison Help number (800) 222-2221 to your mobile phone by texting "poison" to 797979, and saving it in your contacts.

2. Use the online Poison Help Tool.

There's an online tool at Poisonhelp.org which gives you specific instructions quickly on what to do based on the compound involved, victim's age, and type of exposure.

3. Call an animal poison center for pet poisonings.

If your pet ingests something they shouldn't, one of the dedicated pet poison information hotlines gives expert help: the Pet Poison Helpline at (855) 764-7661 or the Animal Poison Control Center supported by the ASPCA (Association for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) at (888) 426-4435. There's a fee of about \$60 per incident.

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. Your questions and comments are always welcome at www.AskDrLouise.com.

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