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Terrifying bear incident on Blackbird Island leaves couple shaken

By Ian Dunn Editor

Mark, 58, and Gabrielle, 47, John of Hayden, Idaho were visiting Leavenworth for the first time on June 21. They arrived at the World Mark property near Enchantment Park about 7 p.m. The person at the front desk told them not to deal with the downtown parking, instead just take the nearby trail into town.

Of course, they didn't think much of it. They walked into town through the trails that run from Enchantment Park to Blackbird Island. After a nice dinner in town, they were in a rush because they knew the park closed at 10 p.m. and they didn't want to get their car locked in.

"We got off the streets and came back down to the trail at about 9:25 p.m. It was my bad because I said to my husband when we passed the little pond, did you see that black thing across the pond? He didn't. I was moving so fast, because when you see something big and black on the other side of the pond, you take another look," Gabrielle John said.

It was starting to get dark, and maybe because of that, they did not see any signs in the park warning about the wildlife, but they did notice the trash cans, which are bear proof. They made a mental note of the fact there were bears there.

The pair was moving along at a pretty good clip. Gabby had torn her MCL so there was a brace on her leg. Halfway down the path, she asked her husband if he heard that. But Mark could only hear the music coming from town.

Gabby did not say what she heard, but it was definitely a bear breathing heavily.

it charged full, terrifying, idea why. I think it was a grunting, harm intent worthy purpose. It probably covered about 50-feet in two to three seconds. I held onto

weird, nervous thing," Gabby said. "Maybe it was calming. The more research we've done on black and brown bears, if



Photo submitted Gabrielle John Mark and Gabrielle John of Hayden, Idaho.

my husband's arm and we both turned to face what was coming because we needed to figure out how to defend ourselves," she said.

Looking back, she believes they were lucky because it was so heavily wooded and dark, they could not see very well. Gabby did not believe they would have had the nerve to hold their ground if they had seen the bear clearly.

The bear stopped about 15feet before the couple. Mark and Gabby waited about 10 seconds, then slowly started to back away and walk down the trail.

Photo submitted by Joyce Stevens

Lions Club Award

Leavenworth resident & local businessman Ken Marson was

awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Award for his continued

support of many projects of the Leavenworth Lions Club at

the club's end of the year dinner, Thursday, June 21, held

at Pine River Ranch. This award is named after Lions Club

International founder and is given for outstanding community

members such as Ken or deserving Lions.

they attack, you have to fight to the death. We are happy to be alive. We both knew we were either going to die or be severely maimed from the attack."

At that point on the trail, there was nowhere to go. It was either going to be forward or backward on the path. "The bear could maneuver much more quickly through the brush than we could. I've been playing it over and over in my head and we had nothing," she said. "I was going to put my brace in the way, so maybe it would get confused chomping on metal and plastic. Beyond that, we didn't have a stick or cat up there. I was terrified to stone or anything to defend even turn around. Just going

ourselves."

As you can imagine, Gabby and Mark have been replaying those few seconds in their mind over and over again.

"After we got home from our trip, we both started voraciously reading and watching information on bears, what to do, what not to do. Even after we got home, my husband said he just kept thinking about those split seconds," she said. "When it was happening, our minds were blank because we knew death was running toward us and wasn't going to be a swift, easy death, it was going to be a horrible, maiming, painful one. Both of our minds were blank, because it was just going to happen and it was going to play out however it was going to play out."

The only thing she was thinking about was her brace.

"I'm not mobile and this was the only thing besides our flesh and bones that we had with us. There was not a ton of stuff flashing through our minds or racing through our minds. We were very still," she said. "It happened too quickly. I've never been faced with death like that before. Truly, my mind was blank and was preparing for whatever comes next.'

Gabby hasn't been sleeping well. When she wakes up the morning, the images, thoughts and sounds of the bear charge are right there. They tried to hiking the next day, if you can believe that.

"We were hiking a little bit and I told my husband I was so uncomfortable. I don't know if I'll ever be the same with all the things we do outdoors," she said. "I'm petrified. I feel like we are sitting ducks out there, especially when you're walking through with the area above you. There could be a

back to the car, I was absolutely petrified. I feel like a part of my innocence has been taken away.'

The John's have two boys, 11 and 14, who enjoy mountain biking and things like that. It was decided they would be serious about being prepared in the woods. They want to be as educated as possible about various animal attacks.

She did call the hotel that night and was not pleased at what she heard.

"The front desk lady said, you probably ran away screaming and provoked it. I said, no that was not the case. She said, us locals know better than to be walking at that time in certain areas. But I said, you don't cater to locals. There is a huge tourist community here. What if there is someone with a small child and the concierge is telling them to take the path. She handled it terribly," Gabby said.

Her experience calling the welcome desk the next day was much different.

"I talked to the lady at the welcome desk and she acted very appropriately because when she was younger, in that area of the park, she also had to get ushered into the car by her mom because there was a bear. Once you've experienced a bear, you know instantaneously what the other person is talking about, the dread and fear," she said.

She did talk to State Fish and Wildlife. The Johns would love to visit Leavenworth again, but walking those trails is out of the question.

"I don't know if I'll ever walk it again because it was so lovely. If we bring the boys back, would we let them ride their bikes there? I don't know. It's like a ticking time bomb," she said. "It was awful. We are traumatized by it. We're **School Board** decides to surplus 5.5 acres at Beaver Valley



File photo

Emotions have run high between Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue and the residents of Hill Street as this sign clearly indicates.

By Ian Dunn Editor

The Cascade School Board has made the controversial decision to surplus the 5.5 acres of land, which is next to the Beaver Valley School in Plain. The Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue had expressed an interest in the property to expand their existing fire station, which is adjacent to the school. The nearby Hill Street residents have opposed this potential sale and encouraged the school district to not surplus or sell the property.

At previous school board meetings, both sides, sometimes emotionally, had expressed their views on the potential sale of the land. Even though both LWFR staff and volunteers, along with Hill Street residents packed the board meeting on June 25, there was not a repeat of the emotional outbursts.

Cascade Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker explained to those gathered how the Beaver Valley School is funded and how that factors into potentially surplussing the land.

"I would like to take us back a bit to understand that Beaver Valley is a Remote

"Approximately 200 yards before the end of the trail, from Wizard of Oz. I had no

"I was singing this song

running scared.'

State Fish and Wildlife officer, Eric Oswald, said this bear was a sow with cubs who had been eating choke cherries on Blackbird Island, which not at all uncommon this time of year. There are a few bears that frequent Leavenworth during the summer, he said.

What this mama bear was actually doing is a bluff charge.

"They were walking there at dusk. They were hurrying along. It's pretty thick down there with limited visibility, darkness. They heard the bear huffing and puffing, which is something that sows do to let threats know to be aware that they are there, leave them alone, there are cubs in the area. It ran toward them and stopped 15 feet away," Oswald said. "It is fairly common for a sow with her cubs. It's her way of telling what she conceives as a threat to her cubs to go away. It's a scaring tactic to get whatever it is to go away."

It's not an attack posture, he said. It is aggressive, but it's

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and Necessary school, which means there is some criteria you have to maintain in order for that school to be funded. The Leavenworth School District consolidated with Peshastin and Dryden, bringing the PD school into the school district," Motsenbocker said. "When you look at how the state views school funding, Cascade actually qualified for one, large elementary school. In our district, we've decided to maintain the PD school and one elementary in Leavenworth. It is more expensive, but that is what we want to do."

The levy dollars actually help the district keep more than one elementary, Motsenbocker said. He said when they were campaigning for the school bond, Peshastin and Dryden residents told them they would not vote for the bond if their school was closed.

"We do two schools when the state recognizes our district is a one elementary district. The Beaver Valley School

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Lions Club New President



Photo submitted by Joyce Stevens New Leavenworth Lions Club President, Conrad Delury, was installed at a dinner at Pine River Ranch on Thursday, June 21.

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Bear incident: this happens every summer

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not an attack

"Given the circumstances being right at dark with limited visibility...bears have very poor eyesight, especially in the dark. They are using their nose to smell. The bear is trying to figure out what is going on. Is it a threat to her cubs? That is what is going on," Oswald said.

Wildlife officers are asking the city to post that area with the recent bear activity to let people know there are bears there. Oswald said most of the local people know there are bears around. This happens every summer.

"There are different food attractants, between bird feedgarbage. There is plenty of food for them and cover. They just stay there until driven out or migrate out in the fall for breeding season. We have not had any reports since that day," he said.

In terms of trapping this bear, Oswald said that would be very difficult, especially a sow with cubs.

"Typically, we catch the cubs first. Then, the sow is distressed. Trapping one bear is one thing, but trapping two or three is quite the effort," he said. "The problem is if we remove one bear or two, another will replace it. There are still the attractants in the area. We can't just keep pulling bears out of the city of Leavenworth.

ers, hummingbird feeders, I've had bears moved 50 miles and it came right back to the spot where they were caught. It's amazing how they come back."

> Since there is a sow with cubs down there, is it possible for it to scare more tourists?

"There is always the possibility of encountering a wild animal. There is always that chance. We've had a sow with cubs on Blackbird Island many summers. This is not the first summer it has happened. Bears are typically not aggressive toward people. They are just focused on eating," Oswald said. "We haven't trapped any bears Leavenworth this spring or summer. There haven't been any incidents. It's a tricky situation. You could spend hundreds of man hours, trapping bears and moving them. You can chase them off, but they come right back if there is food there."

This is not a new issue for Leavenworth, he said.

'We suggest limiting the food attractants. We try to do the best we can working with the city to post those areas. It's up to the city if they want to close that area off. There hasn't been a sighting since June 21. It could have moved on. Somebody would have seen it by now," Oswald said. "Living with wildlife, there is never a straight forward answer to these questions."

Call 548-5286 or editor@ leavenworthecho.com.



Photo by Brian Munoz A bear just like this one came charging full speed at Mark and Gabrielle John in the downtown trails near Enchantment Park. What would you do?

Beaver Valley: *is not being utilized*

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is actually funded as a Remote and Necessary School funding policy," Motsenbocker said. "If the school ever exceeds 60 students for two years in a row, we would lose funding for that school. It can never be bigger. One of the reasons we've discussed surplussing

the Beaver Valley property, which is a little over five acres, is because it is sitting there empty and is an asset to the district that is not being utilized.'

The purpose of the resolution before the board is only to determine whether this is excess property and should be classified as surplus, he said.

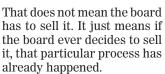
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The Cascade School District is seeking interested applicants for School Director Position #4 recently vacated by Kristen Wood. Letters of interest will be accepted until 4 pm, July 20th and interviews are scheduled for early August. The successful applicant will then be appointed and serve until the next board election in November 2019.

Cascade School District Board Position #4

Requirements are: Bill Motsenbocker, Reside in District Superintendent #4 (Peshastin/ North Rd Area) 330 Evans St Registered Voter





Motsenbocker said he has received lots of letters and emails over the past months from residents of the Lake Wenatchee, White River, Plain area, asking what happens if there is a big explosion of population up there someday?

"It (letter and emails) said the school district is flat or slightly increasing in enrollment but the Leavenworth Fire and Rescue said their calls have increased significantly. There seems to be a discrepancy there. Student enrollment and growth in population are necessarily the same thing," Motsenbocker said. "Some locations attract people that like to retire there, sometimes they attract families without kids, sometimes they do. The cohort survival numbers we get from the state say (enrollment) fairly level with a slight increase."

If the school district was in a metropolitan area or somewhere like Wenatchee, those numbers might be the same, but when you get into recreational areas, sometimes it is not the same, he said.

The discussion the board needs to have is, do we need the excess property to run our K-12 program?, he said.

Board member Trey Ising said current enrollment is 30 at Beaver Valley with the potential to have 60. There was actually a decrease from last year.

"Let's say we get a big bump, we could add to additional classrooms to the building. There is still plenty of property to use. Remember, we moved that fence back to create more space. The community is building an eco-playground and there is still plenty of room for that," Motsenbocker said. "It could still take two more classrooms, two more teachers. We could go up to 60 students or stay below so we don't lose funding."

Motsenbocker said they would have to be above 60 students for two years before they would lose funding. The district would simply shuttle some kids into town to avoid that.

Board member Carrie So-

it, I will stay on the board and fight long and hard to make sure that happens," Sorensen said.

Board member Cindy Puckett said she has lived here all her life and never realized the district has as much extra property up there.

"I'm realizing to surplus it and specify what it can and can't be used for, if we do chose to sell it. There should be restrictions, just like anything else. We should leave an acre," Puckett said.

Ising was straightforward in his statement.

"As far as I'm concerned, it is surplus. We don't need it. We have enough problems, budget wise, maintaining fields. To add more fields, and transport field maintenance crews from here to there, I don't know we could ever do that as a district," Ising said.

Motsenbocker said he and Julie Winters looked at the board minutes at the time the property was acquired. They had a couple priorities at the time, building a covered play area and cover bus garage.

"The development of that property was based on the bond, which actually failed. Technically, since the bond failed, all that goes away as well," Motsenbocker said. "The community rallied and did the covered play area for kids, which was wonderful. We determined, we really didn't need the covered parking for the bus. The board minutes also indicated, the size of the play field was one to two acres. The minimum was one acre." There was speculation this meant a full sized baseball and soccer field, Motsenbocker said, but this is not the case. It is green space of one to two acres.





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rensen asked how many kids are turned away that want to go to Beaver Valley? Motsenbocker said it has been less that four students.

"There are zones one, two and three. The families that live on Stevens Pass, they're commute would be the farthest to Leavenworth for school, so they have priority one. The closer you get to the school or Plain, the less you actually have. It's an odd system. You could live across from the school and not be able to go there," Motsenbocker said.

Motsenbocker asked each of the school board members to offer an opinion on surplussing the land.

"I've been on the board for two years and I didn't even know we owned property. In my little world, it does not seem necessary,' said Board President Brenda Biebesheimer.

Carrie Sorensen said, as the Lake Wenatchee representative, she knows the history of the property. She hoped, in running their K-12 program, the district does not need the property.

"I do want to protect the fact that as a community, a school board, we have promised to have green space available for the community," Sorensen said. "I don't know whether we provide that green space or whether somebody else provides it and maintains it without the school district cost. If we do surplus the property, we do get to call those kinds of shots. I would be willing to surplus only if we negotiated keeping an acre of green space to be true to the promise to the community."

That would only come to pass if the district choses to sell it, Ising said in response, surplussing is different that selling it.

"I just want to be on record to say, if we chose to surplus

Ising asked if the green space includes the green space on the attached parcel. It goes without saying, Motsenbocker responded.

"If the board determined that you did want to sell it and went through the process of the hearing and all the things required by state law, it would be fair to say a purchase and sale agreement would say a portion of that would have to be developed into green space for play fields for youth specifying a minimum amount that would be acceptable," Motsenbocker said.

Motsenbocker then addressed the audience, very much narrowing the scope of what they could talk about. That pretty much kept everyone quiet.

"I know we have people in the audience who came specifically to hear this. If you could limit your discussion to whether we need it for our K-12 program or we don't. I will give people in the audience a chance to speak on it as long as the discussion is within that parameter,' Motsenbocker said. "There will be a later time, if we have hearings, to discuss other aspects of it. We're not looking at selling it right this minute, but this is first step to be able to sell it."

The board voted unanimously to surplus the land.

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6:30 p.m., Leavenworth City Council meeting, City Hall, Joel Walinski 548-5275 (2nd & 4th Tues.)

AA Meeting Schedule

Information numbers for AA:

509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 425-773-7527, 206-219-3379

Sunday, 9 a.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.

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

Tuesday, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans St.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., United Church of Christ, 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, July 04 Call for confirmation

- 8:30 a.m., Aerobics, 8:30 a.m., Plain Community Church, \$1 fee Mon./Wed./Fri. 763-3621
- 8:30 a.m., Prostate Cancer Awareness & Support Group meets at Kristall's. David McIntyre, MD, 206-954-4166.
- 8:30 to 10 a.m., Play and Learn Group, Peshastin Head Start. Cheby Ledesma. 548-7614
- 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Children and Youth program, age 4 -12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 548-5292.

Thursday, July 05

- 8 a.m., Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, Kristall's Restaurant, Paula Helsel, president. 548-5807. Everyone is invited to attend as a guest.
- 6:00 p.m., Autumn Leaf Festival Board meeting. Icicle Inn Resort, Lake Wenatchee Room. 505 Hwy. 2. Bill Forhan, president 670-1837.
- 6:00 p.m., Leavenworth Lions Club, Kristall's Restaurant, Conrad Delury, president (509) 387-5051.

Friday, July 06

8:30 a.m., Aerobics, Plain Community Church, \$1 fee, Mon./Wed./Fri. 763-3621.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Chelan County Veteran Service Officer, WorkSource, and SSVF, coffee and organizational information, first Friday at Kristall's in Leavenworth, DD214, VA Disability Claim and more.

11:45 a.m., Leavenworth Rotary Club, Kristall's, Penny Carpenter, president 509-855-0441.

Monday, July 09

8:30 a.m., Aerobics, Plain Community Church, \$1 fee Mon./Wed./Fri., 763-3621. 6:30 p.m. The Upper Valley Free Clinic evaluates urgent health needs; Dental consultation is available the 1st Mon. of the month. Contact Upper Valley MEND for inquiries: 548-0408.

- 7 p.m. Cascade School board meeting at the District office board room.
- 7 p.m. Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting at Chelan Co. PUD building, Jenny Mullins 548-5904.

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Cascade Open 2018

A golf tournament to benefit the Cascade Athletic Booster Club. All proceeds go to the club. The tournament is Friday, July 13 at the Leavenworth Golf Course, 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start. Four person scramble is open to all. \$90 per person. Register at brownpapertickets.com or Leavenworth Golf Course. Email cascadeopen@ gmail.com or 679-3367. (e25,26,27)

Senior Center Book Sale

A book sale in support of the Leavenworth Senior Center will be held on Saturday, July 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of books will be by donation. We will accept book donations until July 6. Books remaining after the sale will be donated to the Friends of the Library. (e26,27)

Ponderosa 4-H Club Breakfast

The Ponderosa 4-H Club is holding their 62nd annual Chuckwagon Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Sausage, eggs, drink. On July 4, 7 to 11:30 a.m. at Lions Club Park. Tickets at event, \$6 adults, \$4 12 and under. (e26,27)

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Each week offers masterclasses and concerts open to the public. Here's what's on tap for week one:

Thursday, July 5 - Violin masterclass at 11 a.m. with Elisa Barston (11 a.m., free); Community Concert at Icicle Ridge Winery (7 p.m., free)

Friday, July 6 - Festival Concert featuring pieces from Beethoven, Loeffler and Brahms (7 p.m.)

Saturday, July 7 - Festival Concert featuring pieces from Bach, Stravinsky and Schumann (7 p.m.)

Sunday, July 8 - Young Artist Recital with music by Haydn, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Debussy, Shostakovich and Schoenfeld. (1 p.m.)

Masterclasses (which are free) and festival concerts (free for youth 12 and under) all take place in the Canyon Wren Recital Hall. For tickets or more information about the Icicle Creek Chamber Music Festival, go to icicle.org or call (509) 548-6347.



Join bilingual Librarian, Aina Spicer, at the library for a fun program in English and Spanish. This program features stories, games, puppets and hands-on activities. Tuesday, July 10 at 4 p.m. at the Leavenworth Library. 548-7923. (er27)

Historical Railroad and Mill Tour

The Upper Valley Museum is sponsoring the Historical Railroad and Mill Tour along the Wenatchee River on Saturday, July 14. The tour begins at the Upper Valley Museum, 347 Division Street, at 10 am. The tour is 1-2 hours, mostly on a dirt trail, one small hill and sidewalks and is about two miles long. There is a donation fee of \$5. Wear good walking shoes. Call 548-0728 for more information. (e27,28)

Cashmere

Poetry Fun With Kenn Nesbitt

Experience funny poetry, learn where to find poetry in the library, and collaborate to write a new funny poem from scratch with author and poet Kenn Nesbitt. For kids Pre-K and up. Tuesday, July 10, 3 p.m. at Cashmere Public Library, 300 Woodring St. Free. (er27)

Regional

Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m., Monday, July 9, at the Douglas County PUD Auditorium, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee. Local genealogist and educator Anne Livingston will present the program, "DNA Essentials." For more information, call 782-4046. Free and open to the public. (er26.27)



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Noon, Upper Valley Women's Bible Study at King Ludwig's, Delores Hall, 548-7803. 1 p.m., Cascade Education Foundation, Board Room at Cascade District office, Ken West. 670-1729

7 p.m., LWSC Alpine committee, Ski Hill Lodge 548-5477.

Ongoing events

- Leavenworth Public Library, Mon. Wed., 9 to 6; Thursday 9 to 8, Fri. 9 to 6. Closed on weekends and Holidays. Baby story time, Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. Preschool story time, Tuesday's 1:30 p.m. Call 548-7923.
- Peshastin Public Library, Mon. 2 p.m. 6 p.m., Tues., Thurs., Fri 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wed., 9-2 p.m. with Story Time 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m preschool and toddlers. 548-7821. Tuesdays 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Cuentos en Espanol - Stories and crafts in Spanish and English. Closed weekends.
- Upper Valley Museum, Thurs. Sat. 10 a.m. 4 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m. 3 p.m. 347 Division St., 548-0728.

Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., daily 548-7641.

Regional events

- Tue. & Thur. 1 to 4 p.m., SCORE (small business counseling), Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, 2 S. Chelan St., Wenatchee call for appointment, 888-2900.
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- July 10, Tuesday: Country fried steak, potatoes & gravy, corn, carrot raisin salad, peaches, WW bread or roll, & dessert.
- July 11, Wednesday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, sugar snap peas, tossed veggie salad, pineapple rings, WW bread or roll, & dessert.

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Community News

City takes step back on festival permits

By Ian Dunn Editor

City officials have decided to seek further input before moving forward with a new festival permit ordinance. The matter had been discussed by the council on more than one occasion without much fanfare. When the matter came before the council for a first reading on June 26, there was some opposition.

Autumn Leaf Festival President Bill Forhan and Leavenworth Chamber Executive Director Nancy Smith felt the new ordinance was too onerous for festivals.

"They had some issues with compliance with some of the requests that might or might not be made," said City Administrator Joel Walinski. "Council listened to that and decided to get some input from some of the festival organizers on what kind of modifications could be made. One or two council members said we need to go a lot slower, and other two that said, we've talked about this before, now we need something in place, based on what they heard from the residents.'

Currently, the city uses a special use permit for festivals and parades. It is basically used to rent a piece property from the city for private use. These permits are not based on festivals or parades, Walinski said. "When I started doing some research on how other cities manage their festivals, and talked to our insurance people, they submitted some draft language for an ordinance and application program. They have a number of cities in the WCIA

information so the city can make a decision on if there is enough traffic control, public safety, trash control, people control, etc.

"Are enough resources being put forth to that so everybody, sheriff, city staff, public does and what the applications does," he said.

Walinski said he understands the city is going from not really having a permit process to having a permit application that actually has something in place that is a



File photo

The Leavenworth City Council is planning to meet with festival heads to further discuss a proposed ordinance to better regulate festivals and parades.

(Washington Cities Insurance Authority) that generally use this kind of festival approval process," Walinski said.

Primarily, Walinski said what the city wants out of this is to have the events coordinator provide the city with works, are comfortable with the resources in place to make the event happen or assist the event in happening? Do we have the resources in place, if something should go amiss? Can public safety respond? That's what the ordinance tool to can help both event organizers and the city and public safety to make sure they are comfortable with the event. The issue is how fast these changes should take place, Walinski said, and what steps should be taken. One of the issues expressed

was that if the organizers did not have a proper safety and traffic control plan, the city would have the authority to cancel the event. Walinski said this would be on the event organizer to put something in place.

'The other issue I heard was the indemnification on insurance. Mr. Forhan brought up, if something happens in the city during an event, is Autumn Leaf responsible for that, even though it might not be related to Autumn Leaf," Walinski said. "The other piece is, the general language..there is a want to have the rules in black and white, but on other hand, they want some leeway in there so they can transition. I'm not certain how we would accomplish that.'

Since the matter was just a first reading, the council was not going to take any action. The first reading gives the council a chance to hear from the public. If there are small issues, the council could wordsmith on their own, he said.

"In this case, there are some hurdles or discussions that need to occur and couldn't be wordsmithed at the meeting," Walinski said. "Our plan now is to meet with the festival organizers and hear their concerns. Maybe we can wordsmith the ordinance a little and bring it back to council for another review."

Smith said there is some

language in the new ordinance that was not clear.

"We're hoping to get some clarity and feedback. We are asking the festival heads to come in and talk to some of the concerns and definitions and get some clarity," Smith said. "There were several things, but we haven't gotten to chat to get to some clarity. The piece behind it of what were not certain. What is the goal here? We just have a lot of questions."

Whether festivals should be better regulated, Smith cannot say.

"We have to sit down and chat. That's what we're looking for. Bringing in the folks that actually run the festivals. What works? What doesn't work? What is too much? What is too little? Certainly festivals have an impact on the economics in town and an impact on the residents." Smith said. "We've always thought we worked conscientiously and balanced. If we need to straighten that up, sure. If there needs to be a more formal process, that's fine. We just need to be sure the elements in it.

"Festivals are put on by a bunch of volunteers, so it can't be too much, but it does have to be responsible, so it can't be too little also."

Editor at 548-5286 or editor@leavenworthecho.com

Seattle climber fell and died while hiking on Mount Stuart

By Ian Dunn Editor

A 32-year old climber from Seattle was killed due to a fall at Mount Stuart near Leavenworth. Varun Sadavarte fell several hundred feet while descending Mount Stuart just before noon on Sunday, June 24.

Sadavarte was pronounced

dead at the scene. The Chelan County Sheriff's Office received a call at 11:47 a.m. reporting the fall. The location of the incident was determined to be on the southwest aspect of Mount Stuart, just below the false summit, which is east of the true summit, according to a Chelan County Sheriff's Office news release.

Since the fall occurred at

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the 8,900 foot mark on the mountain, it was decided to call in a hoist capable helicopter through State Emergency Management. A Navy Blackhawk helicopter from Whidbey Island responded.

The helicopter was on the scene by 2:40 p.m. to confirm the climber was deceased. The body was hoisted from the mountain and transferred to the fish hatchery in Leavenworth. The Navy crew then returned to Mount Stuart to retrieve the climbing partner who was not comfortable descending after witnessing the accident.

The climbing partner said Sadavarte successfully



A 32-year climber from Seattle fell to his death on Mount Stuart recently.

reached the summit of Mount Stuart that morning. He descended to the false summit before noon. Just before they Started to climb down toward the Cascadian Couloir, Sadavarte lost his footing and slid several hundred feet down a

tion within the parking lot

during festivals. The city will also do parking enforcement

"We will be having Pacific

Patrol patrol that area for

overnight parking, which is

not allowed. Cars will be tick-

eted. That's something we can

do with our current staffing,"

said City Administrator Joel

The agreement also includes

language for future cost shar-

ing for capital maintenance

improvements or damage to

& Ride, when there are capi-

tal improvements over \$500,

Link and the city can have a

conversation to see how the

cost share should be divided,"

"Similar to the other Park

on the lot.

Walinski.

the facility.

steep slope landing in rocks. Other climbers were able to get down to Sadavarte to report he was unresponsive. Chelan County Cororner Wayne Harris said the death was caused by blunt force trauma to the head and chest. The death has been ruled an accident.

Harris said he has met with Sadavarte's brother on several occasions, and has tried to assist them transporting the body back to India, where his parents reside.

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City reaches agreement with Link Transit for new park and ride



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By Ian Dunn Editor

The Leavenworth City Council has approved an interlocal agreement with Link Transit for maintenance of the planned new Park & Ride near Safeway. The council approved the agreement at the June 26 meeting. The city is being asked to maintain the restrooms on the facility, which are not typically part of a Park & Ride, but the city council felt it was important to add it.

The city will also maintain the turf area which is within the stormwater retention pond. As well, the city will be responsible for overseeing and maintaining trash collec-

Vasquez Speaks



Walinski said.

Snow removal and overall operation of the Park & Ride will be the responsibility of Link Transit. The city owns the Park & Ride in town, by the Post Office, while Link Transit will own the new Park & Ride.

The timeline for completion

of the Park & Ride is summer of 2019. Walinski said total costs for city services annually are estimated at \$6,000. The city and Link recognize this lot will be used by others and not just transit users.

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New pastor at Mid Valley Church



CVR reporter Kyra Planetz

The Cascade High School 2017-2018 Junior Class President, D'Andre Vasquez, spoke at an NCW United event in Cashmere on June 14. The event, which gave community members an opportunity to voice their questions and concerns in a round-robin style forum, hosted congressional candidates Jason Ritterreiser, Dr. Kim Schrier and Dr. Shannon Hader. Before the forum, Vasquez spoke on behalf of the student body about the relationship between young adults and politics. "It is up to you to decide how you will provide our future innovators and workers with awareness, advocacy and education," Vasquez told the crowd.



Photo submitted by Sharon Sweeney Mike Moore had accepted the position of Pastor for Mid Valley Baptist Church, Dryden after serving as Interim for the past year. Welcome Mike and Marilyn Moore.

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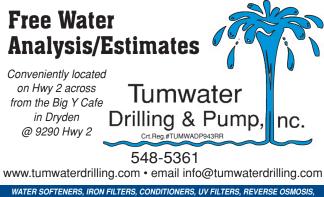




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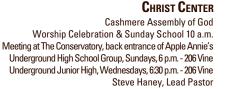
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of Roberta May Diesen Deceased. No. 18-4-00183-04

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH

On the 26th day of June, 2018, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinance. A summary of the contents provides as follows:

Ordinance 1568: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, Washington amending chapter 2.04 City Council.

2.04 City Council. 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. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/ Cashmere Valley Record on July 4, 2018. #82435

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH Notice is hereby given pursuant to RCW 36.70B.170 and RCW 36.70B.200 that the Leavenworth City Council will conduct a public hearing for approval of a Development Agreement by Resolution with Aasgard, LLC for the installation/ upgrade of an existing sewer line to parcel numbers 241701730010 and 241701730005 located within County Shop Road, on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. at the Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US Highway 2. The public is invited to attend said hearing and make comment.

Chantell R. Steiner Finance Director/City Clerk City of Leavenworth Published in The Leavenworth Echo/ Cashmere Valley Record on July 4, 2018. #82436

Superior Court Of Washington

For Chelan County

In the Matter of the Estate

Marion E. Robinson, Deceased.

No. 18-4-00187-04 **Probate Notice To Creditors** RCW 11.40.030

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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.

Leavenworth

- Monday, June 25 01:30 Hazard reported at Chumstick Hwy, MP12.
- 01:43 Agency assist requested at US2, MP97.
- 02:01 Hazard reported at Icicle Rd. & Shore St.
- 15:46 Hazard reported at 16413 Cedar Brae Rd. 08:46 Alarm reported at 500 Pine
- St. Alpine Lakes School. 08:52 Hazard reported at 11645
- North Rd.
- 09:36 Attempt to locate person reported at Enchantments.
- 11:24 Theft reported at Alpen Rose Inn.
- 12:10 Juvenile problem reported at Obertal Mall.
- of 13:28 Vehicle prowl reported at nd Bridge Creek.
 - 14:52 Čivil issue reported at 9630 North Rd.
 - 15:34 Public assist requested at 8935 E. Leavenworth Rd.
 - 16:13 Suspicious activity reported at 833 Front St.
 - 17:38 Property issue reported at Sugarloaf Lookout. 21:30 Attempt to locate person
 - 21:30 Attempt to locate person reported at lcicle Trail head.

Tuesday, June 26

- 09:37 911 call reported at 12795 Shore St.
- 11:12 Trespass reported at 63 N. Shugart Flats Rd. Plain.
 - 12:21 Non injury incident reported at Safeway.
 13:28 911 call reported at 6250
 - Campbell Rd. Peshastin. 15:28 Domestic disturbance re-
- ported at 35 Rabbit Ln. 16:21 Property issue reported at
- 8703 Alice Ave. Dryden. 18:44 Unknown accident reported
- at US2 & Alice Ave. 19:31 Traffic offense reported at
- School & Main streets. Dryden. 19:39 Property issue reported at Bavarian Lodge.

Wednesday, June 27

- 12:16 Non injury accident reported at Beaver Valley & Camp 12 roads.
- 13:27 Trespass reported at Icicle Rd. MP7.
- 13:54 Agency assist requested at CHS.
- 20:22 Trespass reported at Coles
- Corner. 22:59 911 call reported at 7530 Saunders Rd.

Thursday, June 28

09:29 911 call reported from Safeway.

- 15:04 Welfare check requested at Icicle Village Resort.
- 15:42 Welfare check requested at Front & 9th streets.
- 17:21 Trespass reported at 5821 Icicle Rd.
- 18:36 Welfare check requested at 14391 Chumstick Hwy.
- 19:11 Property issue reported at 8-mile Trail head.

Fire/EMS Responses

Monday, June 25

- 01:31 CC3 responded to an electrical hazard at 17820 Chumstick Hwy.
- 09:18 CC3 responded to fire in the brush at 11751 North Rd. 13:15 CC3 responded to a brush fire
- at 10849 Fox Rd.

Tuesday, June 26

- 04:41 CC3 responded to a possible structure fire at 7924 E. Leavenworth Rd.
- 12:28 CM,CC6 responded to a fall at 10125 Beecher Hill Rd.
- 18:44 CM.CC6 responded to a car accident at US2 & Alice Ave.
- 19:45 CM responded to a diabetic issue at Mountain Meadows.

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Thursday, June 28

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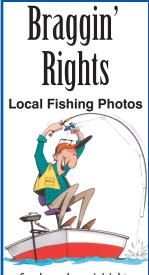
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Kinderfest

The event is essentially fun for the whole family. The Leavenworth Chamber will host Kinderfest from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on July 4 on Front Street. Everything is free including games, prizes, popcorn, shaved ice, cotton candy, bouncy houses, water features and more.

This year, the following organizations will be offering more free things for kids to do:

- Disc Golf presented by Stevens Pass Resort
- Paint a bird house with the Leavenworth **Rotary Club**
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- Nature walks brought to you by Leavenworth Fish Hatchery
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- Learn to golf with the Leavenworth Golf Club
- Visit the Bier Wagon hosted by Projekt **Bayern**
- Make a nature journal with the Wenatchee River Ranger District







Opinions

Liberals screaming shut down ICE, while ignoring corruption at FBI



Last week I pointed out that this entire drama over separating children from their parents was just a political smokescreen to avoid the real scandal involving the top echelons of our government.

Watching the opening of the Congressional testimony of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein only confirms to me the depth of the problem in Washington. From the very beginning of the hearing **Congressional Democrats** protested the hearings. Democrat Representative Jerrold Nadler saying, "when President Trump ... was ripping children out of the arms of their mothers ... where was the emergency hearing on that issue?

The reality is Democrats are growing increasingly concerned that tolerance for abuse of American citizens under their watch is gaining strength and could ultimately



After months of tough talk, the trade war is on. We've officially imposed tariffs, and the world has retaliated. We are feeling the impacts right here in the Wenatchee Valley as our apples were hit with tariffs by both Mexico and India. Similar stories are playing out all over America. This looks like the start of something the financial world has feared since Trump won the Presidency. So why isn't the stock market freaking out?

spell disaster for their hoped for "Blue wave" in the midterms.

Let's review. The Inspector General confirmed that Hillary Clinton exercised gross negligence in her handling of classified information during her term as Secretary of State. Other American citizens have gone to jail for their careless handling of classified documents.

Justice is supposed to be blind and equally applied to all citizens. Politicians and government employees aren't entitled to a "get out of jail free" card because they hold a high political office. American citizens are not their subjects. American citizens are their bosses and they owe their jobs and their allegiance to the American citizens.

Clinton supporters wanted her to be the first woman President. Much like they wanted Obama to be the first black President. Trouble is those are not the primary qualifications for holding the top job in the country.

Many of the supporters of Hillary and Obama were willing to look the other way when issues were raised about their qualifications. And let's be honest, Republicans did not elect an opponent to run

The trade war is here

The most obvious reason for the calm stock market is the strong economy. It's hard for the markets to tank when the economic numbers are so solid. However, I also think the markets are understanding Trump a little better. With Trump, everything is a sales pitch or a negotiation.

He's gone from saying China was "raping our country," to recently tweeting that there were "too many jobs lost in China." Just a few weeks ago, his Treasury Secretary announced that "the trade war is on hold." But now we've enacted \$50 billion in tariffs on China.

So, Trump's words don't reflect what is true, or even what he really believes. When he tweeted that "trade wars are good and easy to win," he was just bluffing that he's

Should I be taking a

Vitamin D supplement?

against President Obama that had commandingly better qualifications.

The Republican candidates may have had more experience in the operation of our government, but they demonstrated little or no leadership. They were either unwilling or unable to confront Obama on his proposals to insure all Americans for \$2,500 less than they were paying for insurance through the private market.

It is troubling that members of the FBI were providing cover for Hillary during the campaign. It is true that they have the right to vote for whomever they choose to support personally, but when their efforts cross over the line of failing to prosecute someone who has committed a crime because "she might be our new boss." They have tipped the scales of justice.

Add to that the fact that they were so personally repulsed by the Republican choice that they were willing to take steps to defeat him by attacking his character with untrue stories of his depravity.

Failing at that they engaged in unreasonable and illegal search activities in a effort to find out if he was guilty of a crime, any crime, so they

silly enough to think that. I'm not a fan of that strategy; I'd prefer that my adversaries see me as serious and knowledge-

able. But he is clearly trying to negotiate. I think the markets are taking solace in that realization.

However, I worry that the markets are ignoring a couple risks. First, this is a very delicate situation with high stakes. Even if this is all a negotiation and neither side wants a major trade war, it's not hard to imagine things spiraling out of control - which is the worst-case scenario.

Even if Trump plays this perfectly, and a year from now we have the greatest trade deal in the history of the universe with China, there's still the question of how much damage could be done to the economy until that time.

could push for his impeachment.

Now Democrats are clinging to the story of ripping children from their mother's arms in an effort to build resistance to President Trump. They are calling for the elimination of ICE - Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency. In other words, they want to remove any effort to enforce our borders.

During his testimony before Congress Rosenstein said he was not personally responsible for the actions of the individual agents under him. If that is the case, it is clear he did not exercise any supervision of his staff. Proving once again that in government service no one is accountable for the work they do.

We are witnessing the worst scandal of our history. When will the insanity of the far left end?

I have said for decades that term limits are within the power of the electorate. In other words, if they are in vote them out. In most cases we won't be any worse off.

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Trump has started trade fights not only with China, but also with Mexico, Canada, Japan, and Europe. In other words: All of our major trading partners. That uncertainty has to paralyze our business world to some degree.

However, a little uncertainty is a lot better than an all-out trade war. The markets are still betting that it won't get too nasty. Thankfully, our economy is strong right now, so unless things get too crazy, I think we'll be okay.

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Dave Dittmer, Tom Lewis, Sam Littrell, Mark Hebert pose for a picture on hole one. This was the Marson and Marson team that sponsored the event. Dave Dittmer is the owner of Tal Holdings.

Yes, you probably need one. I did, and didn't realize it until my doctor did a blood test and discovered how deficient I was. Vitamin D plays an important role in maintaining the strength of your muscles and bones. It's also called the "Sunshine Vitamin" because your body generates it when your skin is exposed to UVB rays in direct sunlight. Unfortunately, sun exposure also increases risk of skin cancer, so medical professionals recommend you cover up or use sunscreen when going out into the sun.

You are more likely to be deficient in vitamin D If you are elderly, have dark skin, or, like me, take medicine that causes sun sensitivity and have to avoid exposure to sunlight or wear sunscreen. Vitamin D deficiency from not being able to absorb fatsoluble vitamins like vitamin A, D, and E is common after gastric bypass surgery, in inflammatory bowel disease, or when taking prescription medicines like prednisone or anticonvulsants or the weight loss drug Alli®.

Over 50% of elderly Americans are thought to be deficient in vitamin D, and there is evidence that vitamin D deficiency is associated with muscle weakness and falls. Replenishing body stores of vitamin D with supplementation has been shown to improve muscle strength and balance and decrease falls in some groups of elderly Americans and may be particularly helpful for elders who are homebound or live in nursing homes. Unfortunately, it's hard to get enough vitamin D from just your diet. The best source is fatty fish such as salmon, canned tuna and sardines, which have about 300 units of vitamin D per 3.5 ounce serving. The next best source is fortified milk, which has up to 100 units per cup of added vitamin D. Milk was fortified in the United States beginning in the 1930s to combat rickets, a deficiency of vitamin D in children that caused soft bones and deformed legs.

How can you find out if you need vitamin D supplementation? A simple blood test measuring the level of 25-hydroxyvitamin D can determine how much vitamin D is present in your body. A normal level is 20ng or above; my blood test came back at only 12ng, which is considered vitamin D deficient. If you are deficient, your doctor will prescribe an 8-week course of prescription vitamin D supplementation at 50,000 units once a week, after which you'll be retested, which is what happened to me. If your vitamin D level rises to 20ng or above, you'll be switched to a maintenance dose of 1000 to 2000 units daily, but if you're not there yet you'll continue on 50,000 units of prescription vitamin D for another 4-8 weeks. I was able to switch to a maintenance dose of 2,000 units of vitamin D after taking the once weekly prescription tablets for 12 weeks.

How much vitamin D should you take? Those of us who live in Washington State don't get a lot of vitamin D in the winter, and you are even more at risk if, like me, you avoid being out in the sun in the summer months. Most adults can maintain a good level of vitamin D with a supplement of 1000 to 2000 units per day, but if you have any concerns that you may be deficient please tell your doctor so you can get tested.

Here Are 5 Tips on Getting Enough Vitamin D:

1. Include foods rich in vitamin D in your diet, like egg yolks, tuna or salmon. Fortified foods

like milk, yogurt and fortified orange juice are also good food sources of vitamin D. Unfortunately, most other foods have very little vitamin D in them.

2. Take a vitamin D supplement. The National Osteoporosis Foundation and the North American Menopause Society both recommend 800 to 1000 IU daily of D3 for people age 50 and older, but if you are overweight you will need 2-3 times that amount.

3. Supplement with 1000-2000 units of D3 (cholecalciferol) daily. With 1300 units per tablespoon, cod liver oil is the most concentrated vitamin D supplement, but thankfully there are less fishy tasting alternatives available today.

4. Avoid taking medicine that interferes with your body's ability to absorb vitamin D, like the weight loss medicine Alli®.

5. UVB radiation from sunlight on bare skin produces vitamin D in your body, but due to an increased risk of skin cancer, diet and supplements are preferred over sun exposure.

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