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Council approves 'Adventure Park' property annexation, again

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Due to a procedural error, the city of Leavenworth was forced to go through the process again to annex the 10.5 acre parcel at the west end of town, which could be the site for the future Adventure Park.

A public hearing was held on May 22 at the Leavenworth City Council meeting. At the first public hearing, numerous people spoke in opposition to the Adventure Park, which was actually off topic, but the council heard it anyway.

It was a packed council chambers with many likely hoping to speak about the Adventure Park. Mayor Cheri Kelly Farivar read a statement before the meeting which kept many from speaking.

"Before anybody speaks, I would like to say this, tonight's public hearing about the city council consideration of the annexation of 9342 Icicle

the pros and cons of the potential annexation of the property. This is not the appropriate venue to comment on the pros and cons of any future development of the site.

So please refrain from discussing anything about the future development of that site. Any such comments made about future development will not be in the proper public record where those comments need to be made.

At a later date, you will be offered an opportunity to comment on any future development of that site at hearing examiner hearing sometime in the future after an actual application for development is filed with the city," Farivar said.

Eagle Creek resident Betsy Steele was not dissuaded by Farivar's statement. She went ahead with her prepared statement.

"There are certain pivot points in a community's destiny and this is one of them.

followed with an amusement park theme as their central focus."

Steele said once the city annexes the property, it will start a transition many will come to regret.

"Many of those who signed the petition warning against this were dismissed as having no valid say as the city administrator implied in a newspaper article, because they do not live within the city limits. But the many hundreds who signed that petition are clearly sending you a message that Leavenworth and it's wonderful surroundings must not be degraded into an amusement park destination," Steele said.

Farivar tried to caution Steele about talking about the Adventure Park, but Steele just kept reading and speaking louder.

"Is it likely to be permitted under Chelan County? Yes, this acreage is under the commercial recreational

implies." Leavenworth Planning Commission member Scott Bradshaw said he was in full support of the annexation of the Castle site.

"I am a Leavenworth native. I was here in the '60s when the town was slowly dying, when buildings on Front Street were falling apart and the only successful businesses were the many taverns and bars," Bradshaw said. "Then, some visionaries came up with the Bavarian Village. They chose to invest their time in the vision, despite a lot of howling and teeth mashing from old timers who thought it was dumb and a waste of time. They liked the way the town looked and hated change."

Bradshaw said he sees the Castle site in the same light.

"We have a vocal group that see only the negatives of this annexation. There will be issues. This is an opportunity for this to add to our town's appeal for our younger guests which this town is sorely lacking," Bradshaw said. "I believe that we as a community should be looking for ways to expand our appeal beyond wineries, restaurants, gift shops and candy stores. We live in an area of great natural wonder and I believe this annexation will enhance that."

Former city councilman Tibor Lak cautioned the council about making a decision on a rendering.

"When you see a rendering, it's not usually what happens on that piece of property. The annexation, I would rather the city have control of that property, whatever it becomes versus the county. We know what happens when the county takes control of something right next door of where we live," Lak said. "I don't know what is going to happen there. There is a plan, a vision, but it's just a rendering. This is the first step to making that rendering the way it is or better. We've had these types things in this town before and nobody said a word. It's no longer here."

Lak urged the council to let the process happen, making sure the city has the control, then make the right decision.

City Development Manager Nathan Pate said the property is currently zoned tourist commercial.

"It's has been in our Urban Growth Area since 1994.

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File photo

After years of negotiations, city officials are closing in on an agreement with the WSDOT on this parking property, which has been used over the years by RVs and big rigs.

City close to acquiring WSDOT parking lot at west end of town

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

After years of negotiating with the Washington State Department of Transportation to purchase the dirt parking lot at the west end of town, it appears now to be coming to fruition.

The city council discussed the matter at the May 8 study session. The current plan would have the WSDOT keep a portion of property for their needs, but sell the remainder to the city.

"When the WSDOT came to us, they had a couple options. The first option was just to purchase this part along the fence. The second option was to move the fence. We opted to move that fence," said City Administrator Joel Walinski. "The way the fence is set up, the WSDOT would like us to put that out for bid and take care of the fence, then deduct a portion of the fence cost from the purchase price."

The city has used the dirt lot for the past 25 years. Mainly big rigs, campers and RVs have parked there.

"The big rigs that have parked there. They don't like that anymore. Once upon a time, the WSDOT, conscience of liability and the perception that is meant to be parking for big rigs. They changed their thinking, where they would rather have all their own area completely fenced and no outside parking," said Mayor Cheri Kelley Farivar. "It is public use as their maintenance facility, but they do see a conflict there, so that is why there is a new fence line."

Walinski said the bigger question is, what is the use here?

"This area does get a lot of use. Does the city have a responsibility to provide for big rig parking overnight? RV parking overnight?," Walinski said. "Right now, a lot of this is being used as a park and ride, for both Stevens Pass and Link. Definitely on some of the bigger weekends, Oktoberfest and festival parking weekends, it does get packed. This is an overflow lot."

The cost to the city for the property is \$480,000 minus the cost of the fence. Councilman Jason Lundgren asked if there had been an appraisal to determine highest and best use for the property. Farivar said the appraisal was conducted and highest and best was parking, but it does not have to be used for that.

Lundgren said he was surprised the highest and best use for property fronting U.S. Highway 2 would be parking.

"Because it is municipal. It came to the state under a grant from railroad which requires it remain in public use," Farivar said. "I believe it will always be on the title. There is a reversionary clause probably. If you were to use it for something else, you would have to pay the railroad or give it back to them."

Councilman Elmer Larsen said he doesn't like the idea of RVs trying to squeeze in downtown or on outside streets.

"I think if we have something of this size, we should try to set something up for bigger rigs. There are people coming in with a boat trailer. Where do they go?," Larsen said. "I think we have smaller rigs up front, then in the back with the bigger rigs, along here?"

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File photo

The Leavenworth City Council has again approved the annexation of 10.5 acres at the west end of town, which is proposed to become Leavenworth Adventure Park.

Road. This is a hearing about the annexation process only. This single question before the council is this, should the city boundaries be adjusted to annex the 9342 Icicle Road property, commonly referred to as the Langston property or Castle site.

Public comment will be on this question only, focused on

So far, Leavenworth has done a pretty good job of recognizing change for the better and also shrewdly recognizing potential folly, like the deep underground lab," Steele said. "You council members have it in your power to set the stage for something likely to pull this town into a pattern other tourist communities have

zone of the UGA, designated in the 1990s, but the city is under no obligation to annex it just because the owners are requesting it," Steele said. "It's significantly different from the annexation that have come before the city in the past, the hospital property and concentrated housing to the type of venture this development

Chelan County Commissioner Goehner vies for Condotta's seat

After 16 years serving the county, 12th District Rep. is his new goal

By GARY BÉGIN
NCW MEDIA MANAGING EDITOR

NCW Media, the parent company of the Lake Chelan Mirror, Quad City Herald, Cashmere Valley Record, The Leavenworth Echo and Wenatchee Business Journal, sat down with Chelan County Commissioner Keith Goehner last week and asked him a few questions about his candidacy to replace Cary Condotta

as the 12th Legislative District State Representative for Chelan and the rest of Chelan County.

Here's what he told us:
NCW Media: How many years have you been in public service?

Keith Goehner: I have been in public service most of my adult life but most recently, serving 16 years as a County Commissioner.

NCW: Tell the readers about yourself in a personal way.

Goehner: I am 65 years old and have been married to my wife, Lisa for 43 years. We have three children. Brendan and his wife, Tiffany, Heidi and her husband, Josh Hill, and Benjamin. We also have six grandchildren. I am a member of the Leavenworth Nazarene Church.

NCW: Do you have any hobbies or passions?

Goehner: I enjoy reading a good book and learning new things. Playing basketball is still a passion, but I also like to hike, ski, golf and enjoy other outdoor activities. I just don't seem to take the time to do it as often as I would like.

NCW: Do you belong to any clubs?

Goehner: Rotary

NCW: Why did you decide to run for 12th District Rep.?

Goehner: As the County representative to the Legislature, I had the opportunity to work with legislators and became aware of how difficult it is to present the local government perspective. There are not many in the legislature who have county experience



Submitted photo

Keith Goehner

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June 04, Monday: Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, carrot & raisin salad, orange, & dessert.
June 05, Tuesday: Chicken parmesan, garlic pasta, mixed vegetables, cuke & tomato salad, apricots, WW bread, & dessert.
June 06, Wednesday: Egg salad sandwich, broccoli & cheese soup, tossed veggie salad, mixed berries, angel food cake.
- Events Calendar**
 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:30 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**

Community Calendar

Wednesday, May 30

- 8:30 a.m., Aerobics, 8:30 a.m.,** Plain Community Church, \$1 fee Mon./Wed./Fri. 763-3621.
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, May 31

No Events Planned.

Friday, June 01

- 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, John Fishburne, president 509-679-2080.

Monday, June 04

- 8:30 a.m., Aerobics, Plain Community Church,** \$1 fee Mon./Wed./Fri., 763-3621.
2 p.m., Chumstick Grange Hall, Helen Kensrud, 782-4086.
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.
6:30 p.m. Young Life Club Monday Nights. All high school age students welcome. TJ Kaapuni 509-679-3247.
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.

Tuesday, June 05

- 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.
7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Paint 'n' Sip with Karen Hartman, at Gustav's \$40 includes the tax and all painting supplies. No talent needed for this one!
7:30 p.m., Leavenworth Masons, Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org.

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- 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.
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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.
3:30 p.m., Cascadia Conservation District Board Meeting in the Upstairs Conference Room at the Wenatchee World Building, 14 N. Mission St., Wenatchee. For more information, call the District at 436-1601. (3rd Thurs. Meeting room changes each month)
1 to 4 p.m., Master Gardener Clinic, WSU Chelan/Douglas County Master Gardener Plant Clinic, 1100 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee. 667-6540, 1 - 4 p.m.
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This week marks the third running of **Chef Fest**, a local fundraiser for **Icicle Creek Center for the Arts**. When it began in 2016, there were some valid questions as to whether or not it would work and why a non-profit arts center should be hosting an annual culinary event.

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Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth
Thursday, 12 noon., Kristalls Restaurant, 280 US-2, Leavenworth
Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain
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 206-219-3379, 509-548-1627, 509-548-4522
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Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St., Leavenworth
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Red Cross Blood Drive

Leavenworth Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, will be held at Icicle Village Resort, 505 U.S. Highway 2, Leavenworth on Thursday, June 7 from 1-6 p.m. There is a great need for blood. Your donation is needed. For more information or scheduling an appointment, call 1-800-Red-Cross, (1-800-733-2767). (e21,22)

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The Upper Valley Museum will be sponsoring a Downtown Historical Walking Tour on Saturday, June 9. The Tour begins at the Upper Valley Museum, 347 Division St., at 10 a.m. The tour is 1-2 hours on flat ground and is about two miles long. There is a donation fee of \$5. Everyone is encouraged to wear good walking shoes. Call 548-0728 for more information. (e22,23)

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9 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.)

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Goehner: The long time county commissioner seeks state office

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and understand how their actions impact the functions of local government. Unfunded mandates are not supposed to exist, but each session brings more expectations of new services without funding to carry out the new laws.

NCW: Are there certain policy areas of the District that you feel need "fixing"?

Goehner: There are several areas that need to be focused on because of their long-term effects. Forest health issues are getting a lot of attention, but the work that needs to be done is slow in materializing. To avoid catastrophic fires like we have seen, we must be aggressive in reducing fuels and thinning trees for a healthier and more productive forest. Even though the Hirst issue was resolved, water availability will continue to be an issue of great concern for the 12th District. As we continue to grow and attract new businesses, we must assure that water supply will be predictable. We need to continue to pursue storage as an option for water availability.

Consistent transportation funding must be established.

There are too many variables in the current funding process. We are typically dependent on new transportation funding packages in order to move significant projects forward.

NCW: Agriculture & Tourism are the main "industries" in the District so are you thinking of introducing any ideas to help the farmers/orchardists and tourism venues in Leavenworth & Chelan?

The 12th District is blessed to have committed farmers and business minds who have adapted to changes in their industries and are the most competitive and creative in developing their businesses. The key is to not burden a business with taxes and regulations that impede its development and expansion. Agriculture has been and continues to be the cornerstone of the 12th District's economy so it is critical to ensure labor supply is sufficient to harvest crops in a timely manner. Recent decisions at the State level relating to agriculture have created more burdens and obligations for farmers. There is still great potential for expanding tourism, but the hospitality

industry needs to be encouraged to plan for more housing opportunities for guests. We need to address traffic flow issues to accommodate the increase in tourism-related traffic.

NCW Media: How will you help the construction industry and development in general if you get elected?

Goehner: Affordable housing continues to be a topic of concern, but the State continues to modify standards that add costs to the price of construction. Within County comprehensive plans and zoning densities there should be allowances for greater utilization of the land. The "one size fits all" of GMA has proven that there are ways that we can accomplish the intent of the act while taking advantage of creative planning opportunities. I would support tax incentives and bonus densities, in certain situations, to encourage lower cost housing.

NCW: How do you feel about the marijuana industry and does it have a place in the District considering the economic impact of the workers and grower's investments?

Goehner: The marijuana industry has created zoning which was not anticipated, but it has generated significant revenue for the State. Within the district, there has not been much revenue returned to cities and counties even though local jurisdictions are left to deal with the negative impacts. As the commercial aspects of the industry evolve, I am hopeful that the conflicts we see today will be resolved.

NCW: What was your thinking regarding the Hirst decision at first and now that it has been modified?

Goehner: Initially, I was amazed how the Court seemingly went against long-established water law and legislation that had established instream flow targets and water allocations. The mitigation was helpful, but there will still be court challenges to de-

termine who has senior rights and municipal supply.

NCW: Congressman Dave Reichert is not running - Are parts of Douglas under his district & if so do you support anyone?

Goehner: There is part of the 8th District that is in Douglas County and I am supporting Dino Rossi.

NCW: Do you feel you have allies in Olympia and/or in Congress that will protect the 12th District family and rural way of life?

Goehner: There are numerous individuals who are our allies to protect rural lifestyles. As commissioners, it is always interesting to see how similar the 12th District is to other rural districts irrespective of the East-West divide. Rural areas share values and mindsets that the more urban districts have a hard time relating to. On the Congressional level, we have worked diligently to make sure our concerns are being addressed by all of our elected officials. Our allies are typically in other states with similar issues.

NCW: Regarding Congressman Dan Newhouse - any ideas or any thoughts about forming an alliance between the new Reichert replacement and/or Newhouse?

Goehner: Since we will be needing all of the support we can get on federal issues, I will be committed to keeping both Congressmen apprised of our issues so they can present a unified voice in addressing our concerns.

NCW: Once in Olympia, how will you try to work with Democrats on key issues?

Goehner: Should I be elected, I will make every effort to seek out those that I may initially disagree with. Respectful building of relationships and clear communication are critical to being effective. Olympia has become increasingly polarized and on key issues, resolution must have meaningful dialogue. There will be times when there will be a need to agree to disagree, but it needs to be done in a manner that does not alienate the other person. I hope to develop relationships on both sides of the aisle.

Navy veteran and former congressional staffer JD Greening enters race for District 12 State Representative

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN LOEBSACK

Wenatchee native JD Greening announced today that he is running for District 12 State Representative as a Republican candidate to be the voice for our district in the State Legislature.

"I have worked hard to get where I am today, and without a doubt would not be where I am without the people of this community supporting me. Serving overseas and working in the State Legislature, as well for Congress in Washington D.C. has given me the right tools and the knowledge of how to truly be a representative for the people, and now it's time to put that to work for you," said Greening. "I believe that our greatest

local resource is the people of this region and I want to be a champion for my community as your 12th District Representative in Olympia."

Greening said the protection of our natural resources, proper funding of public infrastructure, including state recreation and local fire wise programs as well as veteran affairs, mental health and affordable housing are top priorities for the district.

"District 12 is so diverse and needs a representative who will hold all our interests in Olympia," said Greening.

Greening, 28, is no stranger to public service. After graduating high school in 2008 he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving multiple deployments overseas in Operation

Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. After his Honorable Discharge in 2012, he attended Eastern Washington University, and earned his B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Sociology.

"Leaving the military was a tough decision, there was job security and I enjoyed traveling the globe. The people I had met and served with were amazing however, at the end of my enlistment I realized there are other ways I can be of service and other goals I needed to achieve," said Greening. "I am a first-generation college graduate so getting my degree was not only important to me but to my parents. They worked themselves to the bone every day to provide for

my sister and me. I earned my degree and my success is their success."

Greening says that he found his passion for public service in legislation when he started working for the Washington State Legislature. There he served as a legislative assistant in the non-partisan Office of Program Research with House of Representative members that made up the Capital Budget committee. Following his work at the State Legislature, Greening moved to Washington, DC and started a fellowship through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer as a Military Congressional Fellow.

His experience in Washington, DC solidified his desire to serve the great state of

Washington and his community in a greater capacity and he returned home to enroll in Eastern Washington Uni-



Submitted photo

JD Greening

versity where he is studying to earn his Masters in Public

Administration.

In his free time, Greening loves to hike outdoors with his dog Rocky and run in marathons and other races on behalf of St. Jude's Children Hospital and Flags for the Fallen, because it gives him a chance to connect with people that push themselves in all sorts of ways and an opportunity to raise money for those in need. He also serves on the Eastern Washington University Alumni Board of Directors.

"I am excited about the prospect of being your Representative and I know my experiences in the military and working at the State and Federal levels of the legislative process makes me the right person to serve you."

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Schedule for the 2018 IRP Progress Report:

- June 4** Present final draft
- June 25** Hearing on final IRP Progress Report and commission action

The first presentation will be made during a regular PUD commission study session that begin at 10 a.m. in the boardroom at 327 N. Wenatchee Ave. The hearing will be at 1 p.m. during a commission business meeting at the same location.

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Cascade golf team gets valuable state experience

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

The State 1A Golf Tournament was held on March 22-23 at the Liberty Lake and Hangman Valley golf courses in Spokane. Golfing for Cascade was senior Tim Wells, freshman Isaac Cortes and sophomore Emma Nielson.

Wells finished 33rd out of 80 golfers, Cortes shot 98 and Nielson 124, both missing the cut. Wells has participated in state three times. Last year, he finished 37th.

"This year he was hoping for a much higher finish but just couldn't put it all together at the tough and long par 70 Liberty Lake Golf Course. He shot an 85 on the first day to qualify by three strokes. The second day cut was 88," Alexander said.

On the second day, Wells was just one-over after five holes. Alexander said it appeared he was offer to stellar

round, but then he plunked one into the water on the Par 5, 7th hole and ended up with a double-bogey. He shot 42 on the front, then 46 on the back for a total of 88.

"We feel Tim was just trying too hard to make something happen and it just wasn't his day. Tim has been a fierce competitor since his first year and has been a leader all year. He will be missed," Alexander said.

It was the first state competition for Cortes and Nielson. Cortes is a three-sport athlete from a golfing family. He put his best foot forward at Liberty Lake.

"He struggled with his short game during the day. He shot a 51 on the front and recovered nicely with a 47 on the back for a total of 98. Your short game needs to be sharp on this tough course. There are so many sand traps everywhere. Your sand game better be dialed in also," Alexander said

of his grandson.

Alexander said he and assistant coach Ken Baumann are looking forward to working with Cortes over the next few years, feeling he could be a good one.

The girls played at Hangman Valley. Alexander said Nielson, who has really improved over the course of the season, had a good practice round.

"I could tell she was a little nervous on the first tee. There is always a gallery there. And I felt she did very well for a first timer. I don't ever recall a first year golfer making it to state. She did and I am very proud of her," Alexander said. "She didn't play her best on this day, a 124, but I could tell by the smile on her face that she had fun. It was quite a hike, and was sure she slept well that night. It was a good day."

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Photo submitted by Randy Alexander
Cascade participated in the State 1A Golf Championships last week in Spokane. Picture, from left, state participant Tim Wells, state alternate Emma Halseth, state participant Emma Nielson, state participant Isaac Cortes, Assistant Coach Ken Baumann, Head Coach Randy Alexander.

Conservation groups and local community forge partnership to protect a cherished landscape at Lake Wenatchee

Western Rivers Conservancy, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, and the Lake Wenatchee Community team up to protect recreation and habitat across a spectacular mountainside over Lake Wenatchee

SUBMITTED BY KATHY PEVEN

Western Rivers Conservancy and the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust have launched an effort to permanently conserve a property of immense importance to Washingtonians and to the fish and wildlife of

shore of Lake Wenatchee, from Weyerhaeuser Company.

The Weyerhaeuser land is permitted for logging, but the company has agreed to sell it given the importance of the property to the community. To keep the forest intact, WRC,

this property and support public access. Weyerhaeuser has made the exemplary decision to sell these lands to Western Rivers Conservancy so our forests can stay standing, healthy and utilized. The challenge we now face is raising the money needed to make it happen. When we do, we will protect not just a forest, but a river, a lake, a cherished recreational resource, and the very fabric of our community."

A network of trails crisscross the property and are used year-round by hikers, mountain-bikers, cross-country skiers and other recreationists from north-central Washington and beyond.

The property is equally important for its conservation values. Its southern reaches flank Nason Creek, which has been a focus for fisheries restoration for years and supports eight cold-water fish species, including spring Chinook, summer steelhead, bull trout, sockeye, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout and mountain whitefish. Nason Creek flows into the Wenatchee River just downstream from Lake Wenatchee and provides critical cold water and prime habitat for important fish species.

The property's northern half encompasses a forested mountainside above Lake Wenatchee, from just above the lakeshore to the ridgetop, and forms a crucial part of the

viewshed for Lake Wenatchee State Park and homeowners along the lake.

"This project has everything WRC looks for when we set out to conserve a property," says Sue Doroff, president of WRC, "It will benefit multiple species of wild fish, critical wildlife habitat, and the people of Lake Wenatchee by safeguarding local recreation in an area that people from all over Washington have come to cherish. We are thrilled that Weyerhaeuser has decided to work with WRC to protect this important place."

In addition to conserving river habitat, the project will protect prime habitat for diverse wildlife, including mountain goat, Rocky Mountain elk, pine marten, northern spotted owl and other important species.

About the project

Partners

Western Rivers Conservancy acquires prime river lands along the West's best rivers and streams to conserve habitat, protect key sources of cold water and provide public access for all to enjoy. It is the West's only organization dedicated exclusively to saving rivers through land acquisition—an approach that is effective, tangible and permanent. Its motto is "Sometimes to save a river, you have to buy it." In Washington, WRC has conserved dozens of miles of river land along the Hoh, Skagit, Columbia, Big Sheep Creek and Icicle Creek. It created Robe Canyon Historic Park on the South Fork Stillaguamish and recently protected a critical hillside above Nason Creek, upstream of the Nason Ridge property. WRC has protected hundreds of miles of frontage

on other great rivers around the West, including the John Day, North Umpqua Klamath, Gunnison, Salmon, Yampa, Snake and Madison. To learn more, please visit westernrivers.org.

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust works with local organizations, businesses, and individuals to protect what we all hold dear: beautiful natural areas, a strong economy, clean air and water, abundant wildlife, and the freedom to enjoy it all. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust started in 1985 as a volunteer organization made up of Wenatchee Valley residents with a vision of a healthy and prosperous future for Chelan and Douglas Counties. Since then it has grown to over 2,500 members committed to preserving the region's natural areas. Learn more at cdlandtrust.org.



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the Wenatchee River, Lake Wenatchee and the North Cascade Mountains.

In March, WRC signed an agreement to purchase the parcel, which spans 3,714 acres, including a steep, forested and highly visible mountainside on the southeastern

CDLT and the community around Lake Wenatchee must raise \$1 million to fund the acquisition.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Curt Soper, executive director of CDLT, "The Land Trust has been working since 2000 to conserve

Letters to the editor

Shame on you Hill Street LLC

I just read the article regarding The Hill Street LLC to oppose the fire department expansion. I am certainly surprised that anyone in our community would so strongly object to the Fire Dept. wanting to expand their facility in the future. It makes perfect sense for the fire dept. to try to acquire the vacant, unused 5.5 acres that the School District is considering selling to them. The land improvements are already there, thus making any future expansion plans far less expensive. Mr. Bottoms asked if folks in Plain would want this facility in their back yard. I say "absolutely

yes." Most fire stations and their surrounding property are impeccably maintained. I would prefer that to weekend property owners who let their property go to weeds.

I am not surprised that Mr. Bottoms is spreading misinformation to promote their "cause." (A jail, indeed!). The few property owners that purchased on Hill Street knew that there was an existing school and fire station next to the road that leads to their homes. Mr. Bottoms stated that it was not the intention of the LLC to file lawsuits and I say that is exactly what will occur. I don't understand how a small group (less than a dozen) would oppose a future expansion to an existing fire

station, in a community that also will continue to grow. Any plans for a building will undoubtedly be more pleasing to the eye than the aged current metal building.

Chief Lamar has been very open and honest with our community about the potential acquisition of the school's unused 5.5 acres. He is heavily involved in this community and I wish to say "thank you for your service" Our firefighters put their lives on the line for us every time they respond to a fire both locally and in other communities. Please support their vision for our community going forward. Shame on you Hill Street LLC

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Leavenworth, Wa.



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