



Eight Mile Lake flood could be catastrophic for hatchery

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

As previously reported in the Echo, a major flood on the Icicle Creek is possible in the coming months due to failure of the dam at Eight Mile Lake, which could send an additional 20,000 CFS down the creek, which would already be in flood stage.

The potential failure is due a fire last fall above the watershed of Eight Mile Lake, which burned all the trees, brush and grasses above the lake. The resulting snow melt could overwhelm the earthen dam there.

The historic high flows on Icicle Creek are about 15,000 CFS. Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Complex Manager Dave Irving said he was only recently made aware of the potential flood.

"I know it was brought to our attention at one of our recent Icicle Work Group meetings, because of the fire up there and the potential of runoff which could fill Eight Mile Lake and there could be some flooding with that," Irving said. "It's not like I've known it for a year or those kinds of things. The reconstruction of the dam has been talked about in the Icicle Work Group for quite sometime. The flooding is only a recent topic."

Irving said, when talking about a flood, the number one concern is the impact on people, whether someone getting hurt or killed and then any kind of damage that would occur to property.

"When you start talking about the hatchery, we have people that live on site, so as the water comes down Icicle Creek and begins to flood the open area, you have people's homes and property. Our concern would be people's lives," Irving said. "Beyond that, we have fish here on station, anything that would happen with that water, any kind of silt and material that's caught up in that flood would probably plug up the intake up river. That would plug the water coming into the hatchery. Without that water, the fish on station would probably die."

Depending on when the flood occurred, LNFH has two year classes of fish on station. There are fish are almost 18 months, smolts, which will be released toward the end of April. There are also fish spawned last fall that they will not be releasing until April 2019.

"Those are two year classes of fish, both are 1.2 million fish. We would lose both those year classes and that would affect those fish that return over the span of time, two, three, four, five years and more of fish that would come back," Irving said. "That would affect our ability to have brood stock for spawning fish into the future, but harvest levels of fish coming

back as well. There's impacts to property and impact to fish themselves."

The potential impacts would be catastrophic if that flood came before they released this year's fish.

"We have to have the water. We have water coming into the hatchery all the time. The fish that are here have to have that constant flow of cold, clear, oxygenated water, which comes in the form of three different types of water coming into the hatchery, water from the stream down the pipeline, which is surface water," Irving said. "We have well water. And during the summer, we have the water we bring down from the snow lakes. All that is essential for the fish in the hatchery. Just the like fish in the stream, those fish have to have a constant flow of water."

If the stream flow was cut off, there is only a certain amount of water in the wells, he said. That is not enough for the number of fish they have on station. If they had a little bit of time, he said, they could just release the fish and get them into the stream.

"After sitting down with the Department of Ecology and getting with their experts on the flood time, you have 60 minutes between the time the flood would occur at Eight Mile Lake and it would get to the Wenatchee River," Irving said. "There's no real time there to do anything. Most likely, if that flood were to occur, and you have 20,000 CFS coming down, we would lose all the fish on station."

The fish could be wiped out by the plugged intake or by



File photo
Flooding on Icicle Creek in 2015 did some damage to the hatchery facility. Flooding in 2018 could be much worse, due to the Eight Mile Lake danger.

water sweeping through the hatchery grounds. Irving said he does not know if the water would rise high enough to get into the hatchery grounds.

"I don't have the expertise on what those levels of water will be coming down the canyon, in terms of how much it would spread out. At the Icicle Work Group, water up to 10 feet deep. I have no expertise on that. It may spread out and not get to the hatchery," Irving said. "If the debris plugs up the intake, that would have an immediate impact on station. In all the raceways we have here, that's where the water comes from. The well we have would not be able to keep the raceway full, so all the fish on

station would be without water and they would die."

If the flood water were to sweep the hatchery grounds, there would be enough debris and dirt in the raceways to suffocate the fish, so that would be a disaster too. If the intake were plugged, in all likelihood, it could not be un-plugged very quickly.

"The intake is about a mile upstream, which is 30-inch diameter pipeline...with all the debris that would come down there with rocks and stuff, it would be hard job to unplug that. Not only would it be silt and small material, but I'm sure there would be bigger material," Irving said. "Once it clogged into that pipe, I don't

know how long it will take that to get unplugged. It may never get unplugged. That would be a major job. You may have to dig up the pipeline if it was filled up with lots of cobble, silt and logs. It's not like you could auger that out."

Irving said there are not many precautions they can take in anticipation. Although they have dealt with high water issues in the past.

"We do have silt and logs that come down. We watch that. At the intake, we have metal racks there that catch that material. We go up and check those everyday, especially when you have higher runoff, so you can pull that material off," Irving said. "When

it gets caught up against our structures here, if it starts to pile up, it creates even more of a log jam. We watch that, and even with that, it can cause some damage."

Generally, with runoff, the peak flow can get up to 10,000 or 15,000 CFS. Irving said they really watch that and pull the material off with a front end loader.

"If you were to have an immediate flood like that, it would be dangerous to go out and do something during that time. It would be an immediate flood, so I'm not sure there is anything you could do to prepare for it. I don't know how you can be ready for those types of things," he said.

At the very least, with 60 minutes warning, Irving said they could get their people out, which is the number one concern. He said they have been working with the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, providing them information on who is there. Plus, there is a point of contact.

Irving said they put their heart and soul into taking care of the fish.

"If we had to get people off station immediately, we would have to do that. If the fish die, that's a sacrifice that would have to be made," Irving said. "There's not much you could do to save the fish. If you had some time, you release those fish out into the Icicle Creek and hope they survived as the water flushed down into Wenatchee. With only 60 minutes, that's a hard thing to do."

Irving said they are getting

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Leavenworth ALFA float wins Grand Sweepstakes in the Daffodil Festival



Photo by April Watson.
The debut of the 2018 Autumn Leaf Festival float was a wet one at the first parade in Tacoma for the Daffodil Festival. We were happy and surprised to win the Grand Sweepstakes Award.



Photo by Carol Forhan
Pictured is 2018 Royal Lady Kiffen Fishburne holding the award.

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ready to release fish at the end of the month. It takes about two days to release 1.2 million fish. It would be pretty hard to do in 60 minutes, he said.

The most likely flood time would be in June, during the high water period, but the flood could come early if there is a rain event.

"You're looking at the potential for a flood anytime. It could be a rain-on-snow event. We're releasing these fish here before runoff starts. Most likely, we'll get that year's



Submitted by Julia Pinnix
Leavenworth National Fishery Complex Manager Dave Irving

class out. So the only fish on station are those younger fish that we are keeping until the next year. If there was a flood event, we would only lose that one year class," Irving said. "We're hoping nothing happens. We're hoping somehow there are some fixes that can occur to alleviate a potential flood."

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File photo
Debris from the the 2015 flood piled up against the bridge at the hatchery.

School construction should be finished by June

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School construction in the Cascade School District is progressing well and should be finished in the next couple months. That is, the construction on Alpine Lakes Elementary and the first phase of Cascade High School will be finished in June, according to School District Construction Liaison John Henri, who said the construction on Alpine Lakes is going extremely well.

"There's actually one classroom we can look at to see what it will look like. We can bring teachers into that classroom so they can start planning," Henri said, at the March 26 Cascade School Board meeting. "The first floor, they are putting flooring down. Final paint, handrails. During March and April, we'll be doing finishes. In May, we'll start doing punch lists. In June, we will go back and finalize and check the punch lists. We're getting very close to the end."

Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker asked Henri to explain a punch list.

"A contractor goes through and does their work, drywall, paint, finishes, mechanical,

electrical, plumbing. When they say they're done, then we bring the architect in and the consultants and we go through and check the work to make sure it's up to the quality standards we expect," Henri said. "Those items that don't meet those standards will be put on a punch list. The contractor only wants to get one punch list, so sometimes they put together a completion list. It says these are the things I'm not done with, you can punch the rest."

Henri said they are under budget, but that doesn't mean they won't run into something unforeseen.

"We will start earthwork here in another week or so. Most of that is flat work, concrete and paving," Henri said. "Most of the excavating has already been done, so we're in good shape. Schedule wise, we fully expect to have the project done in June. We'll have probably incidental stuff that will go on in July."

Furniture is already starting to be moved into the classrooms, he said. The big move involving furniture, teachers, boxes, teaching supplies is coming this summer, so Henri said they are trying to get a head start.

The plan is to start moving

into Alpine Lakes on May 15.

"They will actually start receiving furniture on May 15. Before we can take possession of the rooms, they have to be punched and done. If we damage it, it is on us and not the contractor's fault," Henri said.

The contract for Alpine Lakes is up in June, while the high school first phase is up in July. Henri said he can think of nothing that would prevent the move from starting. Osborn Elementary Principal Kenny Renner-Singer said they are looking to move staff into the new building on Aug. 1, which would give them the month of July if there is more moving.

Renner-Singer has been to the school, Henri said, trying to figure out how kids will move from point A to point B. Board member Trey Ising expressed concerns about the traffic impact on Pine Street once Alpine Lakes opens.

"That is going to be a nightmare in the morning. It's already pretty riddled. Now, you're tripling the traffic flow. More kids will be walking through that area with high school drivers. People will have to plan extra time to get in and out of there," Ising said.

The city has requested a traffic plan of where the buses are going, so the city can have the information when asked, Henri said. Essentially, the buses are on the same route they are running in the first phase.

The high school is coming along very well, Henri said.

"We're putting more carpet and tile down, hand railing on the second floor and stairs. We're getting final paint on the walls. The plan on the high school is they are going to be ready for us to move in with furniture in mid-July. They're supposed to have phase one done in mid-to-late July," Henri said.

The budget on the high school is tenuous right now, Henri said, because there are still some major items they have not started yet.

"So until we get that done, we have to keep those pots of money. We don't want to spend, then find out we don't have enough," Henri said. "We'll tear down the old school this summer, June 15. There is going to be some unforeseen conditions we don't know about. The academic wing, commons area, stage area... that will all be torn down. The only thing remaining will be the locker room and the two gyms."

Henri said they are planning to close the gyms this summer, because they will be demoing the building during that time. The plan is for the athletic area to be done by the first of the school year.

"One thing we are working on with our geotech is bank stabilization behind the gym. We have some pricing on that.

We want to make sure we get what we need and install it this summer. The bank behind the gym, I wouldn't say is unstable, but there is water coming down the hill with little boulders and rocks," Henri said.

The project on Peshastin-Dryden Elementary School will not start until the kids are out on June 15. The first thing to be done will be asbestos abatement, Henri said. That will last through the end of June and into July. Henri said they will be gutting the school in July and August.

"The existing footprint pretty much stays the same, except we add about 8,000 square feet of kindergarten classroom and administration area. The entire parking lot gets done. That project was bid as an alternate. It came in under budget so we were pleased with that," Henri said. "We believe we have sufficient contingency. We put more in this school than the others because there is so much we are gutting and rebuilding. That's when you start finding unforeseen conditions."

Ising asked how the construction would affect football in the fall, since the field is located in the same area.

"We haven't sat down with the contractor to talk about the construction lay down, parking and all that. It is a very small site so parking will be very limited. We will fence part of the parking lot off and the entire school to the play area will be fenced off," Henri said.

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Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Leavenworth
Thursday, 12 noon., Kristalls Restaurant , 280 US-2 Leavenworth
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Information numbers for AA:
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Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St. Leavenworth
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Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth
Please call 548-6666, 24 hours in advance to reserve a meal.
Meals are served at noon.
April 12, Thursday: Tuna noodle casserole, peas & carrots, garden salad, Mandarin oranges, WW bread or roll, & dessert.
April 13, Friday: Chicken Casesar wrap, Tortellini soup, Apples & grapes, & dessert.
April 16, Monday: Chicken pot pie, green salad, apricots, WW bread or roll, & dessert.
April 17, Tuesday: Stuffed green peppers, whipped potatoes, 49'er salad, Waldorf salad, & dessert.
April 18, Wednesday: Shrimp Fettuccine, asparagus, spinach salad, Mandarin oranges, French bread, & dessert.

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**
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Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 11

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. Every second Wed.
8:30 to 10 a.m., Play and Learn Group, Peshastin Head Start. Cheby Ledesma. 548-7614.
6 p.m., Icicle Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Kristall's Restaurant. Dave Moazed 548-0903.
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Children and Youth program, age 4-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 548-5292.

Thursday, April 12

4 p.m. Peshastin Water District, Peshastin Memorial Hall, Abby Bergren, 548-5266.
6:30 p.m., Leavenworth Lions Club, Kristall's Restaurant, Joyce Stevens, president (509) 670-7527.
7 p.m., Peshastin Community Council meeting, Peshastin Memorial Hall.

Friday, April 13

11:45 a.m., Leavenworth Rotary Club, Kristall's, John Fishburne, president 509-679-2080.

Monday, April 16

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.

Tuesday, April 17

8 a.m., I.P.I.D. Meeting, Anthony "Toni" Jantzer - 782-2561, Wescott Dr. Cashmere.
11 a.m., Leavenworth People with Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 10170 Titus Road, 11:00 a.m., contact Katherine Degel (206) 356-4288 or Judi Little (425) 870-2089.
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.

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.
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 (April to October) 1 - 4 p.m.
Some meetings or events may be rescheduled. Please check with the organization about the time.

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Upper Valley Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for this scholarship offered by P.E.O. Chapter JF for women residing in Chelan or Douglas County. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist women 30 years or older returning or currently enrolled in higher education in the state of Washington after a two-year or more absence. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2018. For more information, contact Joyce Schiferl at Royce.woody2@frontier.com. (e13,14,15)

Auditions for The Student Prince in Heidelberg

The Student Prince is a classic Broadway musical featuring great songs, clever comedy, and bittersweet romance. There are roles for both singers and non-singers, both comic and dramatic. This Icicle Creek Center for the Arts production will be presented "in-the-round" at the Snowy Owl Theater, Sept. 21-23 and 27-30. Auditions are April 21 and 22 at the Snowy Owl Theater in Leavenworth, and April 24 at Wenatchee Valley College. All roles are paid. For more information, a list of roles, and audition materials and appointments, contact John Wagner at johnrobw@gmail.com. (e13,14,15)

Black Umfolosi

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Dinner and Silent Auction Benefit

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Das Thrift Haus grand opening

The Community is invited to Das Thrift Haus Grand Opening on Friday, April 13. There will be appetizers, drinks and special silent auction items. The official ribbon cutting will take place at 4 p.m. In honor of the Grand Opening, there will be 13 percent off on store items all day, and a special "Fashion on a Dime Challenge." Use your creativity to build a winning outfit. Contest details at uvmend.org. (e14,15)

Leavenworth Earth Day Community Fair

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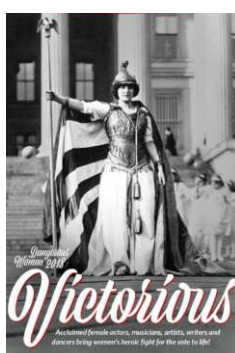
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Now in its third year, Icicle Creek Center for the Arts' production of **DANGEROUS WOMEN**, has become a community favorite. An annual homage to strong, tenacious and powerful women who have changed the course of history, this year's installment is entitled **DANGEROUS WOMEN: VICTORIOUS** as it shines a spotlight on women's struggle for the right to vote.

Led by director Rhona Baron, a cast of acclaimed regional actors, musicians, artists, writers and dancers will bring this period of women's history to life on the stage of the Snowy Owl Theater. **DANGEROUS WOMEN: VICTORIOUS** will only be performed once, this **Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.** - so don't miss out!

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School Safety and Security Forum

The Cascade School District will be providing a Safety and Security Forum for parents and community members interested in learning more about safety measures and trainings in place at all Cascade schools. School administrators will provide information on the procedures in place at each school building and the full-time School Resource Officer will describe his role. There is time for questions directed at the district as a whole or to individual schools. Cascade High School will host a forum on Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. The second forum is at PD Elementary on Friday, April 20 at 6 p.m. Spanish translation available. (e15,16)

Peshastin

Peshastin-Dryden Elementary Kindergarten registration

Calling future kindergartners for the 2018-2019 school year who are 5 years old by August, 31 2018. Kindergarten Welcome is April 11 or April 18 from 7:45-9 a.m. At Peshastin-Dryden Elementary, 10001 School St. We are so excited to meet our new Cubs and families. Please come to PD to tour the Kindergarten classrooms, to meet teachers and staff, and to register your new kindergartener with our online enrollment system. Bring your future Cub, their vaccination records, and their birth certificate or proof of age. Questions are encouraged and welcome during this time. (e14,15)

Cashmere

Arbor Day

The City of Cashmere's 2018 Arbor Day observance and tree planting will be on Wednesday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. at Riverside Park. For the 31st year, Cashmere has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to trees. Cashmere is the third oldest Tree City USA in Washington state. The trees planted on Arbor Day show a concern for the well-being of future generations and for making the world a better place. (e14,15)

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Washington's Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has planned an open house for the public to learn about the development of a Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan for Washington and provide input on wildfire concerns to inform the planning process. The Wenatchee Open House for Comment on Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan is Monday, April 30, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee. Register by Thursday, April 26 at

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(e15,16)

Link Transit Board Meeting and Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular monthly board meeting to provide the Link Transit Board an opportunity to accept public comment on Link Transit's proposed 2018 Service Improvement Plan. Board action on the proposal is scheduled and may be taken if deemed appropriate. The proposed Service Improvement Plan is available for the public to view on Link Transit's website at www.linktransit.com, or at Link Transit's Operations Base from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Meeting is April 17, 3 p.m. at Link Transit Operations Base, 2700 Euclid Ave., Wenatchee. (e15)

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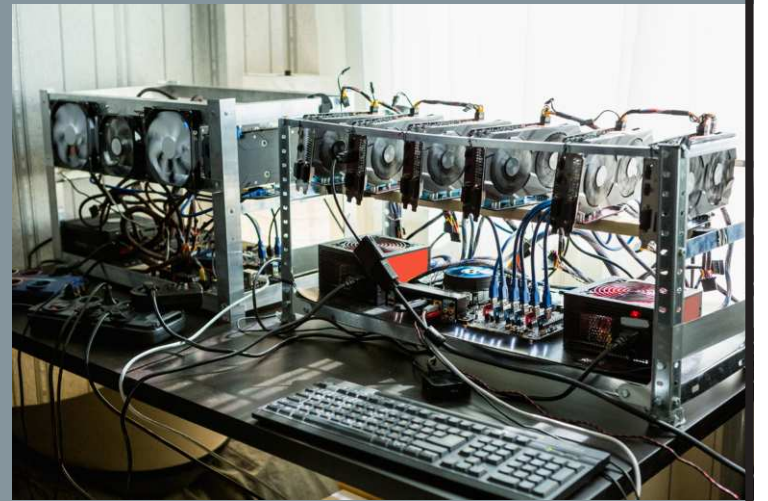
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Obituaries

James Joseph McGinnis

James Joseph McGinnis, 90, longtime resident of Leavenworth, Washington, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, surrounded by loving family.

Jim was born Nov. 21, 1927, to Kathleen Cullen and Roy Leo McGinnis in Spokane, Washington. He attended Seattle Prep and graduated from the University of Washington School of Business. A proud Husky and member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

After college Jim joined the Navy. Lt. j.g. James Joseph McGinnis was awarded a Gold Star for service in the Korean War. He flew "Panther" F9F-5 planes in combat off the carriers USS Boxer (CV21) and USS Lake Champlain (CV39) including the final bombing run of the war in July 1953. After the war, Jim returned home and married Dolores A. Brainerd on July 17, 1954. Jim and Dolores raised their five children in the Laurelhurst area within blocks of his parents and his brothers families, spending summers on Sunlight Beach, Whidbey Island.

Jim's love and knowledge of boats of all kinds led him to his career path. He started working for Chris Craft in Seattle, then soon opened



his own business, James J. McGinnis Yacht Sales on Lake Union.

Jim married Janet Ward in 1987 in Leavenworth, Washington. After Jan's passing in 2005, Jim met the final love of his life, Karen Forrest. They were married Aug. 18, 2008 and continued to live happily in Leavenworth enjoying travel and their big families at every opportunity. Karen and Jim are longtime parishioners at Our Lady of the Snows in Leavenworth.

Proud of his Irish heritage, Jim could always be found wearing his green boat shoes every St. Patrick's day, usually accompanied by one of his beloved Border Collies through the years.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, C. Patrick McGinnis and John R. "Bud" McGinnis.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Karen, and children, Kathleen (Mike) Lambert, Jim (Michelle), Michael (Kim), Daniel (Nancy), and Tom (Laura) and grandchildren, Allison (Laura) Asbell, Matthew Lambert, Jack Lambert, Megan (M.J) Pericin, Kyle (Kellan) McGinnis, Spencer (Katie) McGinnis, Jeffrey McGinnis, Barret McGinnis, Conner McGinnis, Christine (Jed) Kok, Bradford McGinnis, Kelly McGinnis, Madeline McGinnis, William McGinnis. Great grandchildren, Luke and Austin Asbell and 3 more great grand babies due this summer.

Jim is also survived by his sister-in-law, Aileen McGinnis, niece and nephews and their families and step-children, Greg Forrest, Pam Shain and Paula Nicholson and their families.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Brookdale Yakima and Good Samaritan Health Care for their compassionate care of Dad and our family.

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'The Dangerous Women' return with an all new show, Victorious

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Coming off a very successful 2017 show, the "Dangerous Women" are back this year with an all new show called Victorious. Director, lead writer and producer Rhona Baron said they are thrilled people responded to their message and all the original performances.

"We're not trying to top what we did before, we're trying to find a theme that is relevant and that our performers, community and larger culture are thinking about. We try to bring that life," Baron said.

Last year, they did Spellbound, the story of mystical women.

"This year, because the 100 year anniversary of women earning the right to vote is in 2020, we decided to start exploring that theme, in a show called Victorious, which takes about an 80-year journey with our cast, and our characters and our audience to 1920, where the show ends," Baron said.

It is another big cast with about 25 people. For Baron, the writing process is a collaborative one. The women who play the main characters write, develop and choreograph their own segment. Beyond that, Baron needs to write to tie the whole theme together.

"We need an opening number. We need a closing number. We need a narrator. Last year, that narrator was Memory, the giant puppet that Cindy Rietveldt created. Those narration pieces had to be written. This year, I'm writing all of those



Submitted by Rhona Baron

Cast members from Dangerous Women. Back row, from left, Corky Broaddus, Becky Fishburn, Martha Flores, Carolyn Wilson, Momi Palmieri. Front row, Holly Blue, Angie Ploch, Amanda Ledezma, Mandi Wickline.

The year is 1917. She is up all night writing the most important speech of her life."

As Inez writes the speech, she is thinking back over the women who have gone before her. As she thinks back on their process of women trying to win the right to vote, they come to life on stage, she said.

That is how they are handling the narration.

"All of the writing is spoken word or rap. The rhyming is careful to observing timing, triplet time or 4/4 time. Some of it is frankly rap. Some of it is flowing spoken word. All of the writing I did with Ari was like that," Baron said.

Since her writing partner, Gabinet, was back east, Baron said they used email and drop-box frequently, depending on the characters.

"Then, we have meetings by Facetime, when we are in the thick of the writing process. At that point, we just collaborate. We're lucky to have a common goal, which is just to do the best work we can do. Like he says, no weak jams," Baron said. "Ari is an old, old friend of mine. Retired from a job of Wall Street. He is interested in the arts. I needed someone to write a rap for me. That's how we started."

Also helping her with the rap is JC Ellis, who hails from Harlem.

"JC has been in theater since childhood and is a coach and

cast and share them as artistic director," Baron said.

It is an all-star cast of locals, as you might expect. Becky Fishburn, who is playing Elizabeth Cady Stanton, is doing the lead rap in the opening number, which includes dance and percussion.

Diana Davies is playing Inez, the young woman working in her study on the speech. Dangerous Women founder, Susan Buttrille, is playing Susan B. Anthony. Momi Palmieri is hula/singer, Queen Liliuokalani.

Baron is playing the role of Emmaline Pankhurst, who was a militant suffragette from Britain.

"I have a Jujitsu bodyguard with me, which is what really happened," she said.

Mandi Wickline is portraying Alice Paul. Latin dancer Norma Ramirez is playing Adelina Otero Warren. Martha Flores is doing a poem she wrote about her feelings about America, which won awards in Mexico.

Singer/songwriter Holly Blue is doing an original song. Sally Singer is coming from Walla Walla to play the cello.

"Corky Broaddus is in it. Carolyn Wilson. We have a cameo from the mayor, Cheri (Kelley Farivar), JC Baldwin. We tried to get elected women in the show. There's one guy, but you never see him on stage," Baron said.

The show also features Jenn Crawford, Michele Stutzman, Terri Butler, Amanda Ledezma and Angie Ploch. Male voices include Ted Fredericks and Landon Davies.

Barb Roberts is doing costuming, assisted by Emily Beber. David Oppenheimer, tech direct at ICCA (Ice Creek Center for the Arts) is staging

designer. The production will feature Library of Congress images from the history of suffrage.

Baron said "Dangerous" is a good word for these shows, because there is no model to follow.

"They've never been done before. I don't have script to look at. I don't have video of somebody else doing it. We don't have costuming I can see. Each woman is creating her own thing and it's my job to make it all make sense," Baron said. "I am loving the process, but it will be born the day people see live on Sunday. That's truly the debut of this show. I feel wonderful about it. I think we're doing things is way that has never been done."

People sometime get tears in their eyes. In the cast, there is deep enthusiasm and support. It's all wonderful, she said.

"If the founding fathers hadn't ignored the founding mothers back in 1776 by creating a code of laws that let the states decide who could vote, women would not have had to fight over 100 years for such a basic national right," she said. "The history of women winning the vote is not always a happy story. But it's important to understand how and why we got here. Being rooted in history helps guide our lives now."

Dangerous Women: Victorious is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 at the Snowy Owl Theater in Leavenworth. Tickets available at the door or on icicle.org.

Ian Dunn can be reached at 548-5286 or editor@leavenworthecho.com.



Submitted by Rhona Baron

Historical photos of the women's suffrage movement will be shown during the Dangerous Women show.

segments with my partner, Ari Gabinet. He lives in Providence, R.I.," she said.

It was a really difficult story to write, because there is so much information on the women in America winning the right to vote, she said, so that meant they had to chose what they were going to talk about.

The process was also controlled by the women in the

Dryden man ordered to restore damage to Wenatchee River floodplain and shoreline

SUBMITTED BY CURT HART

Jeffrey L. Kinzel of Dryden, Washington, has been fined \$100,500 for illegally placing fill dirt in the Wenatchee River and removing vegetation along the shoreline. By disrupting how the river would flow naturally, his actions threaten nearby private properties and public roads, bridges and other structures while hampering downstream salmon recovery efforts.

The Washington Department of Ecology levied the penalty against Kinzel for illegal construction in the river channel without getting all necessary plans, permits or authorizations. During the last decade, Kinzel has faced fines and restoration orders for past illegal construction activities in the river.

Along with the civil penalty, Kinzel has been ordered to obtain all necessary permits and remove the unpermitted development, including the fill placed in the river and along the shoreline. He must also replant vegetation to re-establish the river buffer along his shoreline property. The order and penalty follow a notice of correction issued in January 2018.

Fully functioning shorelines and associated floodplains provide a place for rivers and streams to safely fluctuate, protecting properties downstream. They also are places where fresh organic material and organisms can settle, creating rich habitat and feeding areas for threatened salmon and other resident fish species.

Chelan County has worked

closely with Ecology and other state agencies to adopt local policies and regulations that protect people, their homes and structures, and the shoreline environment. For instance, the county has a comprehensive plan for managing local flood hazards in the county.

Since 2005, Chelan County has removed 10 fish migration barriers and created seven new fish and wildlife habitat areas on the Wenatchee River. Recently, Chelan County approved a new set of regulations to manage development along and protect its lake, stream and river shorelines.

Kinzel has 30 days to file an appeal with the state's Shoreline Hearings Board, www.eluho.wa.gov/Board/PCHB>.

Rotaryfest Raffle Winner



Submitted photo

Leigh Pobst of Wenatchee accepts her raffle award of a free trip for two to Hawaii (worth \$3,000) from Rotaryfest Committee Member Ken Kohnhorst. Leigh has been attending Rotaryfest for many years and couldn't believe it when her ticket was drawn. This year's event was held March 4 at the Festhalle.



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UPPER VALLEY NEWS SINCE 1904

Softball team splits double header with Mount Baker

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

The Cascade Softball team was one of the only teams in action over the spring break. They hosted a non-league double-header against Mount Baker on April 6. The Kodiaks won the first game 4-1, behind the strong pitching from Sarah Paulson.

The Kodiaks took a 1-0 lead in the first as Kaija Lovelady walked, then came around to score on a Paulson single. Cascade took a 4-0 lead with three runs in the second on 3 hits and 2 walks. Truh Merriman had a big two-out, 2 RBI single.

Mount Baker picked up a run in the fourth as they loaded the bases and scored

on a throwing error.

"We got a few runs early with some timely hitting and that turned out to be enough as Sarah was very good in the circle today with good movement and ability to locate. The team really played well defensively behind her as well," said Cascade Head Coach Todd Gilbert.

Paulson pitched 7 innings, giving up no earned runs, 4 hits with 10 strikeouts and 3 walks. Merriman went 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Lovelady was 2-for-3 with 2 runs and an RBI. Colby West was 2-for-3.

Mount Baker jumped all over the Kodiaks in the second game, winning 14-3. It was scoreless until the third inning when Mount Baker scored 6 runs on 6 hits and 1 error.

Mount Baker took a 7-0 in the fourth before Cascade plated 3 runs in the fifth.

The visitors put the game away with 4 runs in the 6th inning and 3 more in the 7th.

"This one started out like it was going to be another good defensive game. However, Mt. Baker started hitting the ball well and took advantage of some defensive errors and walks on our part," Gilbert said. "We weren't able to do much against their pitcher in this one either and missed some opportunities early."

Merriman pitched 4 innings, giving 4 earned runs on 9 hits with 2 strikeouts and 2 walks. Lovelady pitched 3 innings, giving up 7 earned runs on 4 hits with 2 strikeouts and 6 walks.

Lovelady was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Alondra Acevedo was 1-for-2 with an RBI.

"All in all we split with a good team today and it was nice to get two games in considering the weather we've been having. It was also good to have these games so we didn't have too much time off before resuming league play this week," Gilbert said.

Cascade hosted Cashmere on April 10. Results were not available before press time. The Kodiaks play at Cashmere on Thursday. On Saturday, they host Chelan for a double-header.

Ian Dunn can be reached at 548-5286 or editor@leavenworthecho.com.



Photos by Ian Dunn

Top, junior Sarah Paulson has been the top pitcher for the Kodiaks this season. Below, Cascade senior catcher Andrea Sorensen makes a play to first base.

Kodiak baseball team looks to end six game skid



Photo by Ian Dunn

Cascade senior outfielder Dillon Samuel tries to steal second against Cle Elum.

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

It has been rough stretch of games for the Cascade Kodiak baseball team. After starting the season 3-0 with impressive wins over Ephrata, LaSalle and Royal, the Kodiaks have lost six in row, including three last week against Colton, Blaine and Meridian.

Cascade played April 3 against Colton at Big Bend College in Moses Lake. Head Coach Mike Kelly said it was a treat to play on the college field.

"It was a lot of fun. It's a good opportunity to see a college field. We even saw the

start of their practice, which was fun. It's a great facility and great to get into that college atmosphere," Kelly said.

They lost to Colton 13-8. Colton is a top squad in the 2B League. For the Kodiaks, it was once again the big inning that hurt them.

"They are very good. They have won state before. They are a powerhouse the 2B league, high quality team. The coach is the son of the former Big Bend coach. Great program," Kelly said. "The same thing that has plagued us over the past six games on this six game slide, giving up the big innings, not being able to get the last out or whatever

the case may be."

On April 6, Cascade hosted Blaine and Meridian, two west side teams that beat them pretty soundly last year. Blaine won 10-2 and Meridian won 12-4.

"I think overall, definitely a marked improvement in our games between those teams last year and this year. Big innings were tough for us. We had too many bases on balls. Too many things stacked up in the freebie category that we'll get fixed," Kelly said.

Cascade (0-2, 3-6) hosted Cashmere (2-0, 8-1) on April 10. Results were not available before press time.

"I'm excited and so are the kids. We are very close to get back to winning. I need to do a far better job the way I manage myself and the way I manage the kids during the games. We're awfully close," Kelly said of playing Cashmere. "If we can put together a clean game, which we are absolutely capable of, I think it will be fun to see what happens."

Cascade plays at Warden on Thursday. Next Wednesday, April 18, they host Omak (0-2, 1-6).

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Cascade pitcher Tyler Miller stretches to retrieve the off-target feed from Conrad Hasse in action in Peshastin against Cle Elum.



Photo by Ian Dunn

Cascade number one singles player, Megan Evans, in action at Osborn Elementary. The tennis team hosted Cashmere yesterday.



Photo by Ian Dunn

Cascade sophomore standout Arturo Avila works the ball upfield. Cascade hosts Chelan on Thursday in what is always competitive match.

Cascade Scoreboard

CASCADE BASEBALL	
April 3	Colton 13, Cascade 8
April 6	Blaine 10, Cascade 2
April 6	Meridian 12, Cascade 4
UPCOMING GAMES	
Thu, April 12	Cascade at Warden, 4 p.m.
Wed, April 18	Omak at Cascade, 4:30 p.m.
Sat, April 21	Chelan at Cascade (2), 11 a.m.
CASCADE SOFTBALL	
April 6	Cascade 4, Mount Baker 1
April 6	Mount Baker 14, Cascade 3
UPCOMING GAMES	
Thu, April 12	Cascade at Cashmere, 4:30 p.m.
Sat, April 14	Chelan at Cascade (2), 11 a.m.
Wed, April 18	Omak at Cascade, 4:30 p.m.
CASCADE BOYS SOCCER	
No results	
UPCOMING GAMES	
Thu, April 12	Chelan at Cascade, 4:30 p.m.
Tue, April 17	Cascade at Okanogan, 4:30 p.m.
Thu, April 19	Cascade at Cashmere, 6:30 p.m.
CASCADE TENNIS	
No results	
UPCOMING MATCHES	
Fri, April 13	Lincoln at Cascade, 4 p.m.
Sat, April 14	Cascade at Cornell, 11 a.m.
Tue, April 17	Omak at Cascade, 4 p.m.
CASCADE TRACK	
No results	
UPCOMING MEETS	
Sat, April 14	Cashmere Invitational, 9 p.m.
Tue, April 17	Cascade Meet, 3:30 p.m.
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No results	
UPCOMING MATCHES	
Wed, April 18	Cascade at Chelan Tournament, 11 a.m.
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No more cherries jubilee in Beijing



IN MY OPINION
Bill Forhan
Publisher

Local Orchardists are concerned about the impact of China's new tariffs on Apples and Cherries. Washington state is probably going to be hit the hardest. The question is just how big of a problem is this?

First, only 2 percent of US apple exports go to China. Most of our exports go to Canada and Mexico. The Washington Tree Fruit Association reports that last year Washington exported \$45 million

worth of US apples to China. China also imported \$121.7 million in cherries, but it isn't immediately clear how much of the cherry sales came from Washington growers.

On the other hand, China is the largest grower of apples in the world producing one-half of the world's supply. So their decision to punish America by putting a tariff on our imported fruit is mostly symbolic. The fact is, China has closed their market to importation of American apples in the past claiming disease could threaten their apple industry.

All of this is spurred by President Trump's threat to place tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. The real issue here is how do we make sure that free trade is truly free?

What do we do when other countries are limiting our ability to sell goods in their country while getting unfettered access to ours?

For the past couple of decades our government has allowed China and other countries to abuse our American industries. The "globalists" have claimed that free trade is good for American consumers because it lowers the price of goods. The problem of course is it has also had a big impact on the American middle class who have seen their jobs being exported to countries with lower wages.

So how exactly has our free trade policies helped the middle class?

Homes and higher education are no longer affordable. Our national debt is grow-

ing faster than our economy. Health care costs are out of control and insurance is unaffordable. Minimum wage continues to escalate but the poor and least skilled can't find a job, so homelessness is growing exponentially. And wages to the American middle class have been stagnant for decades.

The problem is that we cannot unleash the power of our economy by exporting our jobs. That is what we have been doing and the results are now in. We are no longer the strongest economy in the world.

Our politicians have put us on a course where we are helping the rest of the world improve their standard of living by reducing ours. It doesn't matter whether you consider yourself a Republican or a Democrat. They have both contributed to support these

failed policies.

That is not the country I want to pass on to my children and grandchildren.

The mainstream media keep talking about the stock market being unstable because of fear of an impending trade war. The problem is the stock market is not the measure of the health of our economy. The stock market accounts for about 5 percent of private industry.

Small business is still the engine that drives new jobs and innovation. And small business has been hit hard with over regulation and restricted access to capital. It is a fact that loans to small business during the Obama administration declined by nearly 35 percent. The result was the economy languished.

It will take a while, but much of President Trump's efforts will spur growth in

the private sector. It won't show up on the stock market because that is dominated by multinational corporations. For example, Ford is now building many of their cars in China with cheaper labor and cheaper steel.

American made cars could well become more expensive when they are built here with American labor and American made steel but those increased costs will result in higher wages for American workers. I, for one, am willing to pay more for a car if the increased costs go to pay American workers.

It is far past time to fire up the power of the American free enterprise economy. If that means tariffs on imported goods, I support it. We need to put America first.

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The wrong time for stimulus



BRAD BLACKBURN
Financial Opinion

Recently, Trump and the Republicans passed a major tax cut. They also increased government spending by \$250 billion. Nearly everyone agrees that both of those things will stimulate the economy, at least over the short term. So, the stock market celebrated accordingly. However, the market hasn't been as celebratory lately. Ironically, the tax bill and increased budget are part of the problem. It all comes down to bad timing.

When an economy is in a recession, there's slack in the "economic rope." Economic slack means there are plenty of people who don't have jobs, lots of empty office buildings

to fill, and lots of idle manufacturing equipment to ramp back up. At times like that, you can stimulate the economy without causing inflation and interest rates to rise. But that's not where our economy is. At this point, our economic rope is tight - if you pull on it, the whole thing will move.

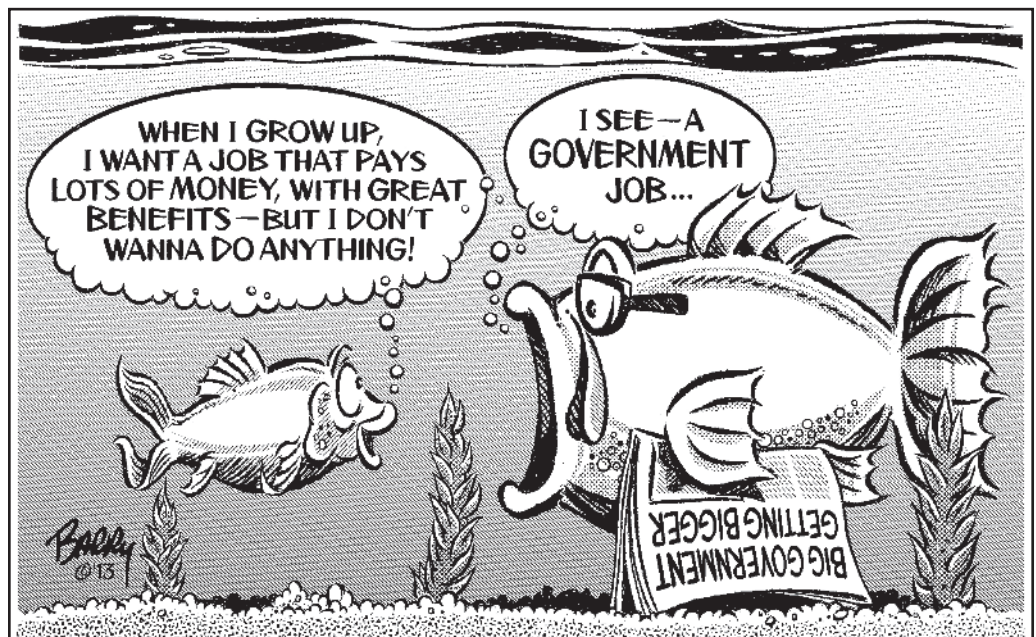
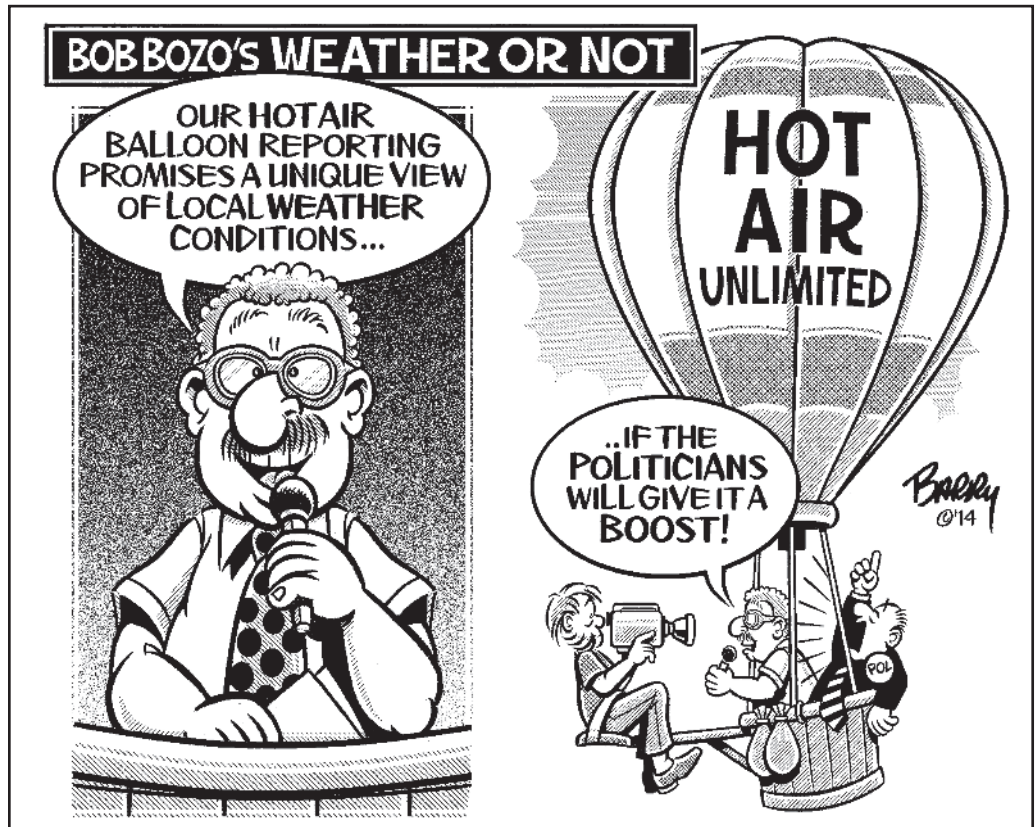
There's another aspect to this as well. Nearly everyone agrees that the tax bill and increased budget will leave us with a higher national debt. If you ask a bank for a loan when you already have a lot of debt, and you'll want even more debt in the future - that bank is going to charge you a really high interest rate. We are already seeing that effect here in America. Since the start of the year, the 10-year US Treasury Bond yield has risen more nearly 15 percent, which means higher interest rates for everyone.

So, although we might all be saving money on our tax bills, we're paying more for credit

cards, auto loans, and mortgages. Similarly, if the tax bill allows your employer to give you a 3 percent increase in your salary, but also causes inflation to pick up to 3 percent - there's no net benefit to you. In other words, every bit the economy improves from this point will likely be matched by higher interest rates and higher inflation.

This just wasn't the right time for economic stimulus. If you are fat and happy, that's not the time to stuff your face with even more cake. Unfortunately, that's exactly what America is doing. In fact, if we keep eating cake, we might get a stomach ache. The markets are starting to realize that.

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PUD Board acts to halt unauthorized bitcoin mining

Commissioners direct staff to shut down rogue operations that risk fire and equipment damage

SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLEE CRAIG

Chelan PUD commissioners have directed staff to take all necessary steps to enforce the moratorium on unauthorized cryptocurrency operations including imposing available fees and penalties and considering new ones, disconnecting service and reporting unauthorized loads to law enforcement as power theft and to fire officials to protect public safety.

"Not only are we concerned, we're incensed that individuals are putting people at risk," said Commissioner Steve McKenna. "We're not going to tolerate it. This is a strong message, and I want to make that very clear."

His comments came after hearing of unauthorized cryptocurrency mining discovered last week in a Wenatchee apartment, a Malaga home and Chelan mini-storage units. Each operation was using enough power to create fire risks for neighbors and damage grid equipment not sized for the load. PUD crews disconnected power for the unauthorized services.

Board President Dennis Bolz said these actions will not be tolerated. "This has to end," Bolz said.

Commissioner Garry Arsenault said heightened enforcement is aimed at, "scoundrels," who are deliberately thwarting PUD regulations. "I want to take one step back and say that users of power that have legitimate requests, and have been properly sized for the use of that power, that's not the kind of entity we're discussing today.

"What we're discussing is a person who is purposely

trying to slip around the end and use power in a way that a facility was not designed for and doing so in a manner where there's been no request for service to meet that kind of demand." He added, "I see yet, once again, a reason to support the installation of automated meters to be able to confront these scoundrels before they do burn an apartment building down and perhaps kill a family or children in the process."



PUD commissioners underscored their concern about safety risks from rogue operations in ratifying the March 19 moratorium. Commissioners will review the moratorium and take comment at a public hearing at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 14.

John Stoll, Customer Utilities managing director, said those examples show the need for additional fees to cover the District's costs to investigate and monitor rogue cryptocurrency operations and to recover the cost of damage to grid equipment not designed for high density loads (HDL).

Stoll said staff reviewing meter readings saw power use at the Wenatchee apartment jump 20-fold in a month. Use went from a typical 500 kilowatt hours (kWh) to 11,000-plus kWh, far above what residential wiring is designed

to carry. When PUD staff checked the location, they could see open windows and a balcony door open to the chilly spring air likely keeping the cryptocurrency mining equipment cool. Investigation showed no one living in the apartment.

In Malaga, PUD staff notified the homeowner his mining operation was unauthorized. He talked with staff about options for legal service, but continued to mine without following through until crews disconnected service. In Chelan, an approved operator went beyond the allowed power amount without notifying the PUD as required.

Lindsey Mohns, Customer Utilities business manager, and Catherine Melton, business analyst, reviewed proposed additional fees for investigation and enforcement of the HDL rate for unauthorized operations and for the loss of useful life for overtaxed equipment. The fees could total about \$5,000 for unauthorized operations in residential areas and \$7,000 to \$10,000 in commercial space. Staff will ask for action on the new fees at the April 16 board meeting.

Commissioners also heard from Nick Martini of Half Moon Bay, Calif., a potential cryptocurrency operator, who asked board members to consider flexibility in allowing some applications to move forward when operators seek to meet all requirements and work with the PUD in developing the industry.

The next regular Chelan PUD commission meeting starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 16, in the boardroom at 327 N. Wenatchee Ave.

Link Transit achieves first high powered wireless charging of heavy duty bus

SUBMITTED BY ERIC WEST

On March 8, at 1:15 p.m., Link Transit reached a critical milestone in its commitment to transitioning to battery electric transit vehicles.

A newly developed wireless 200-kilowatt (kW) on-route battery charger from Momentum Dynamics was installed at Columbia Station and successfully transmitted 208 kW to Link's new 2017 BYD K9S coach bus. This use of automatic wireless charging represents the first time that a 200-kW wireless charging system has been placed into routine revenue service with a public transit agency. Previous installations have achieved charging rates of 25 percent of this power level. The higher power of the new system from Momentum Dynamics will allow much faster charging of the bus each time it stops for just a few minutes along a circulation route.

The ability to wirelessly charge a municipal bus is important in transit operations because faster charging allows the buses to achieve driving ranges that make them viable for most daily services. Link uses the electric buses on the routes operating in the Wenatchee and East

Wenatchee area that are from 7-15 miles in length, with total travel of 120-150 miles per day. In order to compete with diesel vehicles, electric vehicles must be able to operate the full day while maintaining an energy reserve at the end of the day. The benefits of electric buses are zero tailpipe emissions and far lower operational costs for fuel and maintenance.

Previously, Link Transit has experimented with overhead conductive (wired) chargers as part of the e-Bus project. These chargers were very complex with many moving parts and had poor reliability. The wireless charger has no moving parts and should be much more reliable.

The immediate benefit of these wireless chargers is that in a typical scheduled layover, enough energy can be added to the battery to allow the bus to travel 12-15 miles. This allows the bus to operate a complete day of service.

"BYD is proud to partner with innovative agencies like Link Transit as they continue to expand the potential application of battery-electric bus technology," stated Macy Neshati, Senior Vice President of BYD. "We congratulate them on this milestone and are ea-

ger to continue working with them to change the world."

"We congratulate the leadership team and Board of Link Transit for being the first in the nation to install this groundbreaking technology," said Momentum's CEO Andrew Daga, "this fundamentally changes the paradigm and the begins the process of electrifying the nation's transit system - Wenatchee is the epicenter of this movement by the bold decision of Link's management."

Link has a total of five BYD coaches in service. Presently, only one bus is outfitted to work with the wireless charger. Over the next several months, the performance of this vehicle will be monitored as operating conditions change. The decision to retrofit the other four vehicles will be made based on the evaluation of these results.

As a comparison between heavy-duty vehicles and personal vehicles, most electric automobiles vehicles are charged at a rate of 3.3 kilowatts. But at 208 kilowatts, Link Transit's wireless charger delivers 3.4 kilowatt-hours of energy to the battery per minute (roughly 60 times faster than the most common automobile chargers).



Dan's wall damaged



Photo by Ian Dunn

The wall along the back of Dan's Food Market in Leavenworth was damaged recently by an alleged drunk driver.

Empty Bowls 2018-Thank You from the Empty Bowls Committee

Submitted by Diane Priebe

Thank you to everyone who participated in or attended the 22nd Empty Bowls Festival events this year. Over 600 people participated in the Soup Supper on March 22, and we were able to raise over \$11,000 through ticket sales and donations. The Artist Bowl Auction brought in \$5,000, and the Artist Bowl Showcase and Gala Reception raised over \$1,000. After subtracting expenses and \$1,000 for the Empty Bowls Art Grant, Empty Bowls will be able to donate over \$14,000 to the Community Cupboard Food Bank.

Community support through events like Empty Bowls is what enables Upper Valley MEND, through the Community Cupboard, to

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A special thanks goes out to the potters, artists, volunteers and Empty Bowls Committee who contributed their time, talents and resources to make this such a special event for our community. You are too many to list, but we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Into the Woods



Photos by Margy Hesse

The Into the Woods production at Cascade High School was a big hit. Top photo, back row, from left, Treat Schubert, Andrea Sorensen, Nathan Hagan. Front row, Cassidy Wisemore, Celeste Villalobos, Landon Davies. Bottom photo, Madeline Schiefelbein (Little Red) protects herself from the hen and Landon Davies (Jack).

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Our preschool program is open to four year olds (who turn 4 by August 31, 2018), residing in the Lake Chelan School District, and who qualify for the ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program) because of limited income. The program is also open to 3 and 4 year old students who qualify for Special Education Services because of a disability or health condition. If your family is living in a temporary living situation, you may contact the district where you are staying to attend a screening. Homeless Liaison Kelly Kronbauer, 682-7744.

The district has limited space for children who will be three years old by August 31, 2018 and will only be able to serve those who screen for the early intervention program. Parents of three year old students who have any concerns about their child's development should register at this time.

There is no charge for the ECEAP and Special Education programs offered by the Lake Chelan School District.

Please be sure to bring the following information when registering your child:

- * Immunization Records
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- * Copies of 2017 tax return to verify eligibility for ECEAP program.
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El Distrito Escolar de Chelan llevará a cabo Childfind, Registración Preescolar ECEAP y exámenes el 16 y 17 de abril del 2018. Las horas serán de las 8:30 a.m. a 6:30 p.m. el día 16 de abril y de 3:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m. el 17 de abril y **solo con cita previa llamando al 888-8752.** La registración y los exámenes de sus hijos/as prescolares se llevarán a cabo en el espacio que era la Clínica CVCH, localizado en la Avenida 317 East Johnson.

Nuestro programa preescolar ECEAP está abierto a niños/as de cuatro años (quienes cumplen 4 años para el 31 de agosto, 2018), residentes del Distrito Escolar de Chelan, y quienes califican para el ECEAP (Programa de Asistencia y Educación Temprana) porque tienen ingresos limitados. Si su familia vive en un alojamiento temporal. Puedes contactar al distrito escolar de donde se estas quedando, para que le hagan una evaluación. En el Distrito de Chelan por favor de llamarle al Sr. Kelly Kronbauer al 509-682-7744.

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Paraprofessional Substitutes and Bus Driver Substitutes NEEDED. Applications for all positions may be obtained on the district's website www.brewsterbears.org under employment or by contacting the district office 509-689-3418. All positions are open until filled.

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Highly Capable Program

March 20, 2017

Cascade School District is committed to identifying and providing for the unique educational needs of all of our students. At this time, the district is soliciting nominations from parents, school staff, and community members for students that are believed to have a high capacity to learn quickly, deeply, and/ or broadly, so that we can better provide an individualized educational service to each of our students. Students nominated through this process will be considered for enrollment in the district's highly capable program based upon screening and assessment with the permission of their parent/ guardian.

Definition of highly capable students means those students who: Perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments.

(1) Capacity to learn with unusual depth of understanding, to retain what has been learned, and to transfer learning to new situations;

(2) Capacity and willingness to deal with increasing levels of abstraction and complexity earlier than their chronological peers;

(3) Creative ability to make unusual connections among ideas and concepts;

(4) Ability to learn quickly in their area(s) of intellectual strength; and

(5) Capacity for intense concentration and/ or focus.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Cascade School District website (www.cascadesd.org) under Programs and Highly Capable) and in school offices. In order to be considered for identification for the coming school year, nomination forms should be returned to Mike Janski, Highly Capable Director, at Icicle River Middle School by April 18, 2018 either by dropping them by the middle school, by email mjanski@cascadesd.org or by mail; 10195 Titus Rd, Leavenworth, WA. 98826. (WAC 392-170-035, WAC 392-170-036)

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Highly Capable Program-Programa de Alta capacidad

21 de marzo, 2018

El Distrito Escolar de Cascade está comprometido a identificar y proveer para las necesidades educacionales únicas de todos los estudiantes. En este momento, el distrito está solicitando nominaciones de padres, del personal escolar, y de los miembros de comunidad para estudiantes, que se creen tener una alta capacidad de aprendizaje rápido, intensivamente, y/o de manera amplia, para que podamos proveer un mejor servicio de educación individualizada para cada uno de nuestros estudiantes. Los estudiantes nominados para este proceso se van a considerar para la matriculación en el programa, highly capable program (Programa de alta capacidad), será basado en exámenes y evaluaciones con el permiso de los padres/ tutores legales.

La definición del estudiante de alta capacidad significa que: Trabajan o demuestran el potencial para funcionar a niveles académicos significativamente avanzados, cuando se le compara a otros de su misma edad, mismas experiencias o de los mismos ambientes.

(1) La capacidad de aprender con la profundidad rara de entendimiento, retener lo que se ha aprendido, y transferir el aprendizaje a nuevas situaciones;

(2) La capacidad y la voluntad de tratar con niveles cada vez mayor de abstracción y complejidad más temprano que sus compañeros de la misma edad cronológica;

(3) La creativa de hacer conexiones inusuales con las ideas y conceptos;

(4) La capacidad de aprender rápidamente en su(s) área(s) de fortaleza/destreza intelectual; y

(5) La capacidad para la concentración y/o enfoque intenso.

Las formas para hacer una nominación se pueden obtener por la página de web del Distrito Escolar de Cascade (www.Cascadeisd.org se encuentran bajo la pestaña del Programs y Highly Capable) y en las oficinas escolares. Con el fin de ser considerado para la identificación del próximo año escolar, deben devolver las formas de nominación al Sr. Mike Janski, Director del Programa de Alta Capacidad en la Escuela Intermedia Icicle River para el 18 de abril, 2018, por correo electrónico mjanski@cascadeisd.org o por correo; 10195 Titus Rd., Leavenworth, WA. 98826. (WAC 392-170-035, WAC 392-170-036)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Harvey Edward Schwint, Deceased. NO. 18-4-00095-7 Probate Notice To Creditors

The administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the administrator or the administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.

Date Of First Publication: March 28, 2018

Co-Administrators: Terry Schwint & Brenda Kaech

Attorney For Administrator: Thomas D. Overcast

Address For Mailing Or Service: Overcast Law Offices 23 South Wenatchee Avenue Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801

Court Of Probate Proceedings And Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court, No. 18-4-00095-7

By: _s/Thomas D. Overcast, WSBA No. 14486, Attorney for Co-Administrators

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Superior Court Of Washington In And For Chelan County

In the Matter of the Estate of Janice L. Heideman, Deceased. NO. 18-4-00087-6 Probate Notice To Creditors

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.

Date Of First Publication: April 4, 2018

Personal Representative: Thomas A. Williams

Attorney For Personal Representative: David Visser

Address For Mailing Or Service: Overcast Law Offices 23 South Wenatchee Avenue Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801

Court Of Probate Proceedings And Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court, No. 18-4-00087-6

By: David Visser, WSBA No. 41546, Attorney for Personal Representative.

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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, April 2

- 15:28 DUI reported at 9025 North Rd. Peshastin.
15:54 Alarm reported at 20674 Miracle Mile. Lake Wenatchee.
18:20 Harass/threats reported at 990 US2.
23:55 Harass/threats reported at 9700 Derby Canyon Rd. Peshastin.

Tuesday, April 3

- 05:23 Agency assist requested at US2, MP79.
10:27 Agency assist requested at 328 Birch St.
10:33 Theft reported at Dryden Transfer Station.
10:52 Scam reported at 10144 Main St. Peshastin.
10:58 Trespass reported at 14177 Brae Burn Rd. Lake Wenatchee.
11:07 Non injury accident reported at 9073 US2.
13:02 Parking/abandoned reported at 8805 Josephine Ave. Dryden.
14:16 Fraud/forgery reported at 421 Ash St.
17:28 Parking/abandoned vehicle issue reported at 10300 Sunset Dr.

Wednesday, April 4

- 19:59 911 call reported at Icicle Village Resort.
13:03 Public assist requested at 12891 Chumstick Hwy.

Thursday, April 5

- 09:23 Suspicious activity reported at 10395 Chumstick Hwy.
10:37 Suspicious activity reported at US Post Office.
12:18 Parking/abandoned vehicle issue reported at Icicle Rd. MP6.
12:46 Public assist requested at 11492 US2.
15:01 Public assist requested at 817 Commercial St.
16:08 Extra patrol requested at 3925 Old Blewett Rd. Peshastin.
17:37 Trespass reported at River Rd. MP4.

Friday, April 6

- 01:23 Welfare check requested at 22501 Saddle St. Plain.
12:26 911 call reported at Post Hotel.
12:36 Domestic disturbance reported at 12069 Chumstick Hwy.
13:32 Hazard reported at 8734 School St. Dryden.
15:01 Warrant reported issued at 9499 Saunders Rd. Peshastin.
18:43 Theft reported at Safeway.

Saturday, April 7

- 14:33 Suspicious activity reported at 220 12th St.
14:42 Suspicious activity reported

at 18321 Camp 12 Rd.

- 17:00 Animal problem reported at 3536 Hansel Ln. Peshastin.
17:36 Domestic disturbance reported at 14395 Chumstick Hwy.
17:39 Trespass reported at 10590 Fox Rd.
20:29 Property issue reported at 900 Front St.

Sunday, April 8

- 01:59 Welfare check requested at Hampton Inn.
07:57 Public assist requested at Leavenworth.
08:38 Welfare check requested at 200 Division St.
10:57 Alarm reported at 11645 Eagle Creek Rd.
11:49 Water rescue reported at 8877 Josephine Ave. Dryden.
18:50 Civil issue reported at 2463 Tamarack Crst. Lake Wenatchee.

Fire/EMS Responses

Monday, April 2

- 00:46 CM,CC6 responded to a possible structure fire at 8096 Saunders Rd.
08:53 CM,CC9 responded to an unknown accident at US2, MP78.

Tuesday, April 3

- 18:05 CC3,CC9 responded to a possible brush fire at 24407 Saddle St.
20:00 CC3 responded to a possible structure fire at 8238 E. Leavenworth Rd.

Wednesday, April 4

- 19:40 CM,CC9 responded to a breathing problem at 16325 River Rd.

Thursday, April 5

- 09:49 CM responded to a fall at 9490 Jeske Rd.

Friday, April 6

- 14:32 CC3 responded to an illegal burn at North & Fox roads.
19:52 CC3 responded to a commercial fire alarm at 1300 Commercial St.
21:03 CM responded to a sick person at 9020 Icicle Rd.

Saturday, April 7

- 07:26 CM responded to a sick person at 9700 Derby Canyon Rd.
07:47 CM,CC6,Life responded to a cardiac issue at 7185 Ollala Canyon Rd.
22:40 CM,CC3,CC6 responded to an unknown injury accident 8200 Main St.

Sunday, April 8

- 11:48 CM,CC6 responded to a water rescue at 8877 Josephine Ave.
15:55 CM responded to a sick person at 12795 Shore St.

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku puzzle advertisement for Senior Living Solutions, featuring a grid and promotional text.

Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle advertisement with a grid and list of clues.

It's Spring Cleaning Time advertisement with an image of a cluttered garage and promotional text.

DISH DEALS!! advertisement for 190 Channels and High-Speed Internet.

THEME: ENGLISH ROYALTY CROSS DOWN crossword clues.

Q: How should I get rid of my old and expired medicines?

Nearly one-third of medicines sold to Washington households go unused every year, according to a report by Take Back Your Meds, a group of over 270 health organizations, law enforcement, local governments and environmental groups. That's about 33 million containers of pills. Yikes! Keeping unwanted and outdated prescription medicines around your house invites abuse and theft as well as posing risks to the environment. Removing medicines you no longer need helps keep habit-forming drugs from entering the lives of your children, grandchildren or their friends or contributing to the rapidly growing problem of prescription drug abuse. Home intruders will seek out prescription bottles of pain medicines sitting on countertops or stacked up in medicine cabinets, not just flat screen televisions and laptops. One of the safest ways to dispose of your expired, unused or unwanted medicines is to take them to a site participating in a take-back program, either at a specific day for collection or local on-site drug collection box or mail-back program.

The DEA started hosting national prescription drug take back events beginning in September 2010, partnering with local law enforcement agencies to give the public another alternative to disposing of their medicines besides putting them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet.

The 15th Annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 28, where at participating sites you can bring your medicines for safe, free disposal, no questions asked. Soon there will be a statewide system providing year-round opportunities to dispose of leftover or unwanted medicines safely. Last week on March 22, 2018, Governor Inslee signed into law the Secure Drug Take-Back Act, the nation's first statewide comprehensive plan for safe and secure medicine disposal by individuals. The Secure Drug Take-Back Act will establish a comprehensive state-wide system for year-round access to convenient drop off sites across the state, including retail or hospital/clinic-based pharmacies and police agencies volunteering to host a secure drug drop off box.

There already is a pilot program in place in King and Snohomish counties called MED-project (MED stands for Medication Education & Disposal) that has placed drug-collection boxes not only in retail and clinic pharmacies but community centers and public libraries. With the Secure Drug Take-Back Act, lawmakers expect to expand that into a statewide system completely funded by the prescription drug industry. If you can't get to a take-back site near you, the FDA recommends removing any potent pain medicines from their original containers and flush-

ing them down a sink or toilet. This includes pain pills containing drugs like Vicodin® or hydrocodone, oxycodone, and patches containing fentanyl or Duragesic®. Although it seems harmful to the environment to flush them, it's more dangerous to leave them in your trash container, as even part of a pill or a used patch of one of these powerful pain relievers can be lethal to a pet or small child.

Other prescription medicines can be safely disposed of by first removing them from their bottles or boxes and mixing the pills or capsules with something unappealing like kitty litter, coffee grounds, sawdust or even dirt, then placing them in a leak-proof

container like a sturdy zip-lock bag before adding them to your trash bin. Before putting empty prescription bottles into the trash, protect your privacy by marking out any identifying information such as your name, prescription number and drug name with a permanent marker like a Sharpie®. Sometimes you can just peel the label off and crumple it up.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy is a 39-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 © 2018 Louise Achey

State adopts Washington's first reclaimed water rule

New rule expands options for communities to recycle water

SUBMITTED BY DOE

Even in rainy Washington, water is a precious commodity. Agriculture, industry and our communities all depend on sufficient, stable supplies of water. As our state's population and economy grows, finding ways to conserve water is becoming more important. A new rule from the Washington Department of Ecology will streamline the process for reclaiming water.

The rule requires that reclaimed water projects protect public health and water quality. Reclaimed water can be used for irrigation, landscaping, flushing toilets, improving wetlands or stream flows, recharging groundwater and other beneficial uses. It addresses all aspects of reclaimed water; including permitting for generating, distributing and using reclaimed water across the state.

Reclaiming water uses advanced technologies to remove pathogens and contaminants from wastewater so that it is safe to be used again. Reclaimed water is a key component of managing Washington waters wisely and protecting our state's resources for future generations. The use of reclaimed water preserves Washington's drinking water, and helps reduce the discharge of wastewater to the state's lakes, rivers and Puget Sound. It can also help our state prepare for impacts from climate change.

"We're proud of the effort that has led to this new rule," said Ecology Director Maia Bellon. "Reclaiming water can help Washington communities prepare for and recover from droughts. By expanding options for reclaimed water use, we can help Washington communities use the right water for the right use."

Reclaiming water is one way Washington's rapidly growing communities can meet increased demands for water. An example can be found in eastern Washington, where the Odessa aquifer is being depleted. The city of Othello is pursuing reuse and reclaimed water projects to take pressure off the aquifer and ensure the city has the water it needs.

"We've documented declining groundwater in Othello's water supply wells. The city is pursuing the reuse and reclaiming of water as tools for our city," said Mayor of Othello Shawn R. Logan. "This will ensure we use existing water sources more efficiently and protect the city's potable water. Ecology's adoption of the reclaimed water rule clarifies the regulatory requirements for the city and we strongly support this planning process."

The reclaimed water rule <<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules/Rulemaking/WAC-173-219-Jun14>> is the state's first rule governing these practices. The rule creates statewide standards and makes a clear and predictable permitting process for reclaimed water projects, while protecting public health and water quality. The rule comes after a decade of work with Washington State Department of Health, utilities and other stakeholders to develop protective standards, as well as a project planning, design and permitting process that works for everyone.

This rule became effective on Feb. 23, 2018.

Learn more on Ecology's website: www.ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Reclaimed-water



How to safely dispose of leftover, unwanted or expired medicines:

1. Take them to a Take-Back location or event. Locally owned pharmacies in Leavenworth and Cashmere along with hospital-associated pharmacies in Wenatchee and Brewster have secure drop boxes available. In addition, the Chelan County Sheriff's Office maintains secure drug collection boxes at both their Wenatchee office and Chelan substation.
2. If you can't get to a take-back location or event, first remove any potent pain medicines such as hydrocodone, oxycodone, OxyContin®, or fentanyl patches and flush them down a toilet or sink.
3. Mix non-narcotic prescription pills in with kitty litter, coffee grounds or even dirt before placing them into your trash. Use a plastic container with a secure lid or a heavy plastic zip-lock bag to prevent leakage.
4. Always remove or mark out any personal information and drug names before putting any prescription bottles or boxes into your trash or drug collection box.

Cooking With Teri

ASPARAGUS TIPS

Folks are asking for local asparagus which we hoped to have around April 1st, now moved out to mid-April, due to the cool damp weather. Please note that the first cutting the asparagus stalks typically thin. Asparagus aficionados prefer the thicker stalks but I like it thick or thin. This week I would like to share a few tips on how to store and prepare asparagus.

- Trim dry ends off stem ends of asparagus up to (1) inch.
- Stand asparagus upright in a glass or jar with about an inch of water covering all the ends.
- Loosely cover the asparagus and container with a plastic bag and store in the refrigerator up to one week.
- Change water, as needed, if it turns cloudy.
- To trim asparagus prior to cooking, hold one stalk horizontally with both hands. Gently bend the stem end until it snaps. Line up the tip end of the stalk to the remainder of the asparagus bunch. Use a sharp knife to cut the stems off the bunch to match the size of the test stalk. Reserve discarded stems for another purpose, such as making vegetable stock. Try these weeks recipe for asparagus.

ROASTED ASPARAGUS WITH BALSAMIC BROWNED BUTTER

- 40 asparagus spears, about (20 pounds)
 - Olive oil or cooking spray
 - 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
 - 2 Tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 2 teaspoons soy sauce
 - 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. arrange asparagus in a single layer on a baking sheet and coat with cooking spray or olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake for 12 minutes or until tender. Melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Cook for (3) minutes or until lightly browned, shaking pan occasionally. Remove from heat, stir in soy sauce and vinegar. Drizzle over asparagus, tossing well to coat. Serve immediately.

QUOTE: "(on asparagus) European of the Renaissance swore it was an aphrodisiac, and banned it from the nunneries." Barbera Kingsolver, author, poet (1955 -)

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