

Christmas Lighting 2017



Photo submitted by Mike Gardner
Snow greeted the thousands of visitors who decided upon downtown Leavenworth for the first weekend of Christmas Lighting. Christmas Lighting continues for two more weekends in December.

Hill Street neighbors concerned about sale of school property in Plain

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

The potential sale of land in Plain has people on Hill Street upset. The Cascade School District is considering selling 5.5 acres of land adjacent to their Beaver Valley School to Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue next door. Hill Street borders both properties.

Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue desires the land to expand their fire station to accommodate the increasing demand in the Plain/Lake Wenatchee area. These plans have Hill Street residents concerned.

Several Hill Street neighbors packed into the Cascade School Board meeting on Nov. 27 to press the board on this issue, even though it was not on the agenda. Hill Street resident Diane Patterson said the fire department decided to expand with no input from them.

"I would like to have some input. I'm happy to have them expand on their 2.6 acres. That's great. We love them, but they want to buy six more acres. I've been told by the fire chief they want to burn some of the shipping containers that are presently behind the fire department," Patterson said. "I don't feel it is appropriate to be doing burning training in an area next to a school and in the middle of a residential area that is zoned residential.

I don't think anyone from the fire department would want that in their front yard either."

Don Bottoms said he and his wife, Pat, live on Hill Street right across from the school. He said they love the school

and also believe Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue performs a very valuable service and are great people.

"They're proposing to put this in a big residential area. Before this was just a big open meadow.

Now, there is a good number of very expensive homes right in that circle of properties there. The activities they are telling us they'll put in are things that don't belong in a private neighborhood. We would urge you to take your time and consider this very carefully and get the input from us and other people in Plain before you make a final decision," Bottoms said.

Bottoms felt there were plenty of other places in Plain where the fire department

could locate. Katie Stevens lives next door to the fire department. She said she has concerns about the ill-defined uses of the building.

"They don't seem to have a proper plan. I'm concerned about the various things that

could happen with that land if it is sold to the fire department. I have two small children. I know they can burn what they have now," Stevens said. "I guess I really didn't know that when I purchased the house. I think it is not a great idea to expand behind the school into a residential area. I think if they need more land it

would be better outside residential and school properties. I know they have training to do. Maybe it could be done in a slightly better area. At this point, I have concerns for my kids and our house."

Hill Street neighbor David Stoller urged the board not to approve the sale to the fire department, which he feels is ill-concieved.

"I think the process has

been secretive and lacking in transparency with lacking of input from those of us that would be most immediately affected. My biggest concern is the elephant in the room and that is the live fire burn training that is likely to occur on this six acre parcel," Stoller said. "Seems to me the fire department's needs could be met on the 2.5 acre parcel they currently have, except for the live fire burns. The six extra acres would give them close nine acres in the Hill Street area. I can't imagine any purpose other than the live fire burns."

Stoller said he traveled to Snohomish to the live fire site there. He said it was about eight acres with a chain link fence topped with barbed wire, motion detecting cameras, lights and about 30 cars and trucks.

"It was rainy day with no wind. I didn't get closer than 100 yards from the burn. There was copius amounts of smoke and steam. It was very acrid. It burned my eyes 100 yards away. Terrible sense of smell and taste in my mouth. My clothes smelled until I washed them," Stoller said.

Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue Chief Mick LeMar said they have been a good neighbor there for 25 years.

"We've been there for a long time. We think we're

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City utility rates will increase over the next five years

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Starting in 2018, the utility rates in the city of Leavenworth will be rising over the next five years, mainly due to the multi-million dollar upgrade to the city's wastewater plant. This upgrade was mandated by the state to reduce the amount of phosphorus deposited into the river by the plant.

At the city council study

session on Nov. 14, representatives from HDR, the company that did the utility rate study, presented a proposed utility rate structure over the next five years, but the rates sometimes spiked over the years. The city council asked if those rates could be flattened over time.

"What the council had talked about was somewhere around 4 to 5 percent. HDR, Chantell (Steiner, city finance director) and city staff went

back and took a look at some capital projects, some of the debt service and funding," said Joel Walinski, city administrator, at the Nov. 28 city council meeting. "Our recommendation at this point in time, our rate increase in 2018 is 3.99 percent. Most are just under 4 percent. 3.85, 3.68. Keeping the rate right between 3.75 and 4. Is this where we want it to head?"

Mayor Cheri Kelley Farivar said the proposed rate

increases were actually less than what the council suggested.

"We said between 4 and 5 percent. They put it under 4 percent. It really is what the consensus of the group seemed to be at the time?," Farivar said.

Councilwoman Margaret Neighbors said she liked the year-to-year change. The increase can be seen better.

"It's still \$40 over seven years. I like the less than 4

percent increase. I think that is a steady way to go," said Councilwoman Mia Bretz.

It prepares everyone for next year, Farivar said, no surprises.

"What we'll come back with, in the rate and fee schedule, we'll want to be adopting a rate structure that covers the next four-to-five years. Then, we'll put that rate in the rate and schedule," Walinski said.

Councilwoman Sharon Waters asked the rate increases

would continue into 2025, 2026 and 2027.

"We'll have this in place for five years, 18,19,20, 21, 22. In 21, we're going to do another rate study. Within five years, we'll do another study. That will be factored into another rate study. We can see in the next five years, this is what is necessary," Farivar said.

Waters asked if the charges in 2023 and 2024 includes sewer plant upgrade.

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Councilwoman Wearne resigns from city council

Process to appoint new council member set up

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

With two years left on her term, Councilwoman Gretchen Wearne has resigned from the council. At the Nov. 28 city council meeting, the council discussed the process for appointing someone to the council replace Wearne.

"We have done this a couple of times in recent years. We wanted to go over the process with the council so the council understands the process," said Mayor Cheri Kelley Farivar.

City Administrator Joel

Walinski said one of the most important things to do is set a deadline date to receive letters of interest. He felt Dec. 8 might be too soon.

After that, the city asks those interested to submit an application.

"The council has submitted and put together questions. We would include those include those in the application," Walinski said. "The council reviews those applications and they hold interviews with the candidates. Then, an executive session on the candidates and open debates. There is a

process for votes. We don't have to decide that tonight, but what we do need to know is the schedule of dates."

Walinski said the council might want to develop an application which includes questions and letters of interest.

"Have a deadline, so when they submit a letter of interest, they also submit an application with those questions already completed," Walinski said. "Give them a date of say Dec. 15 or 20. Give the council over the Christmas time to review those letters, then schedule an interview date

some time in early January."

Councilwoman Mia Bretz asked if the goal was to select someone before the Jan. 9, 2018 meeting.

"Not necessarily. This is a decision the council gets to make tonight. This is important but not necessarily urgent in that regard. We have 90 days to fill the seat. I would hate to see us take 90 days, but I don't want to see jam everything into too small of a time frame and not get the applications," Farivar said.

Councilman Elmer Larsen said the city needs to get the



Gretchen Wearne

word out.

"We'll put it on the radio, on our website, on Facebook and we'll ask the Echo to put that out. This particular season, we don't have two meetings in December. I don't know about you, but my focus is certainly not about city business the last couple weeks of December," Farivar said. "To extend that out another week or two is perfectly acceptable. Maybe we should consider doing that, potentially to the end of the month. That is up to council."

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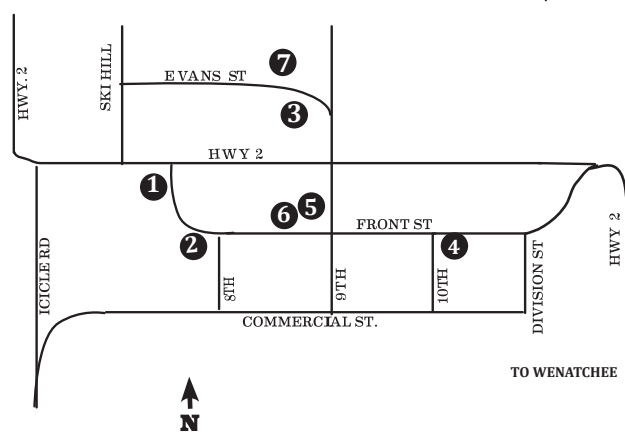
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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- 1 **Christmas Bazaar** | Dec 8 & 9, 10am-4pm | Dec 10, 10am-3pm | Grange Hall, 621 Front St
- 2 **Kid's Nutcracker Hunts** | Dec 8, 9, & 10, 2:00pm | Nutcracker Museum, 735 Front St
- 3 **Christmas Lighting Craft Fair** | Dec 9, 9am-3pm | Leavenworth Seniors Center, 423 Evans St
- 4 **Leavenworth Festhalle** | 1001 Front St
 - **Vendor Booths, Crafts, Restrooms & More!** Dec 9 & 10, 10am-6pm
 - **Christmas Story Corner** Dec 9 & 10, 1:30pm & 2:15pm
 - **Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus** Dec 9 & 10, 2pm-3:40pm
 - **Santa, Mrs. Claus & other Characters Available Downtown** | Dec 9 & 10, 12:00pm to 6:00pm
- 5 **Gluhwein & Soup Tent** | Dec 9 & 10 11am-7pm | Front St Park
- 6 **Cookie Crawl All Over Town** | Dec 10, 11am-6pm | Maps at Visitor Center & Gazebo
- 7 **Christmas Craft Fair & Luncheon** | Dec 9, 9am-3pm | Methodist Church, 418 Evans St

TO STEVENS PASS



Schedule & map courtesy of Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce

GAZEBO ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, December 8, 2017

4:00pm-5:00pm: John Wagner

John Wagner is familiar to local audiences as cofounder and performer with Leavenworth Summer Theater. He has performed with several Seattle area companies, most recently with Lyric Opera Northwest.

4:30pm: Arrival of Saint Nikolaus!

Saint Nikolaus arrives at the Gazebo by carriage with "gold" for the good boys and girls!

5:00pm-6:00pm: Ernest Palmer

Ernest Palmer is a regular performer with the Leavenworth Summer Theater and has appeared at Village Theatre and The 5th Avenue Theatre in Seattle.

6:00pm-8:00pm: Mr & Mrs Something

Weaving the soulful passion of blues and rock with the honesty of folk, Mr & Mrs Something offer a refreshing taste of hope that feels like coming home.

8:00pm-9:00pm: Twin Falls Middle School Choir

Building a tradition of musical excellence in the Snoqualmie Valley, the TFMS 7th & 8th grade choirs are excited to bring their program to tonight's performance. They hope you enjoy the show!

Saturday, December 9, 2017

11:00am-12:00pm: Bethel High School Choir

This choir from Spanaway, WA, currently boasts 75 students dedicated to musicianship, camaraderie, and performance.

12:00pm: Arrival of Santa!

Meet us on Front Street as a cast of Christmas characters – including Father Christmas, Santa and Mrs. Claus – march from the Festhalle to the Gazebo with all the pomp & circumstance necessary to kick-off the festivities! *Participate in this weekend's theme and wear your ugliest Christmas Sweater to march in the Santa Claus parade! Meet at the Festhalle (1001 Front St) at 11:45am.*

12:00pm-1:30pm: Mount Tahoma High School Choir

The Mount Tahoma High School Music department has a rich history of excellence through arduous work. They challenge students to reach beyond their limits and contribute to society through music.

1:30pm-2:30pm: Central Washington University Horn Club

The Central Washington University Horn Club is exclusively made up of current university students. The group performs 1-2 full concert programs per year and has released two Christmas CDs.

2:30pm-4:00pm: Mr & Mrs Something

See description on Friday, Dec. 8 at 6:00pm.

Saturday, December 9, 2017 (continued)

4:00pm-6:00pm: Common Ground Choir

Common Ground Choir originated in Scandinavia where Dan Hegelund has performed with his choir in the Presidential Palace of Ukraine. When Dan relocated to Issaquah, the choir was reborn here in the USA.

4:30pm: Christmas Lighting Ceremony!

Traditional alphas kick-off the parade of stars & bells and the lighting of the Christmas Tree. Santa and a few local celebrities will lead the countdown to the lighting of the town and park with over half a million lights! This is the moment we've all been waiting for!

6:00pm-6:30pm: Leavenworth Alphorns

The evening serenade is followed by a brief demonstration with information and fun facts about this fascinating alpine folk instrument.

6:30pm: Living Nativity

Enjoy the performance of the Nativity presented by local churches.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

11:00am-12:00pm: Central Washington University Horn Club

See description on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 1:30pm.

12:00pm: Arrival of Santa!

See description on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 12:00pm.

12:00pm-1:00pm: Wenatchee High School Choir

Please welcome Wenatchee High School's various choirs directed by Dawn McCormick!

1:00pm-2:00pm: Salvation Army Brass Band

Typically made up of 4 to 5 brass instruments, the Salvation Army Band plays a variety of old and new Christmas carols and songs.

2:00pm-3:00pm: Cascade High School Select Choir

This award-winning choir has appeared on "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show".

3:00pm-4:00pm: Apollo Club

The Wenatchee Apollo Club was formed in 1910 when the Rev. Stuart Hyatt assembled 14 young men to organize a group to sing for their community.

4:00pm-6:00pm: Sonoro Women's Choir

Located in the Puget Sound area, this choir's mission is to inspire passion for choral music through accessibility and education.

4:30pm: Christmas Lighting Ceremony!

See description on Saturday, Dec 9 at 4:30pm.

6:00pm-6:30pm: Leavenworth Alphorns

See description on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 6:30pm.



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Christmas Lighting Craft Fair, Bake Sale, and Luncheon,

The Leavenworth Community United Methodist Women are holding their annual Christmas Lighting Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Luncheon on Saturdays, Dec. 9, and 16 at the Community United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St. Leavenworth, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 – 3 p.m. Lunch will be a homemade meal, with dessert, beverage and hot drinks served all day. Cost by donation. Proceeds go towards church programs, and local, national, and international missions. The Sanctuary will be open to pause and reflect during the day. For information, the church office, 548-5619. (e47,48,49)

Leavenworth Village Voices Christmas Concerts

This holiday season the Leavenworth Village Voices will present "Christmas in the Mountains: Together at Christmas" for its 35th annual Christmas concert series! Concerts are on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4

p.m. at the Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. Tickets at the door or at the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce (548-5807). Evening performances are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children. The Sunday matinee is \$30 families and \$12 for a single ticket. Children, five and older are welcome. Visit us on Facebook or at www.leavenworthvillagevoices.org. (e48,49)

Hilfreiche Hausfrauen Craft Fair

The Hilfreiche Hausfrauen Club, a group of "Helping Housewives" invite the community to join them at their annual Christmas Lighting Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The craft fair, which has been held each year since 1971, will feature handmade items, such as sweaters, hats, scarves, towels, and items for babies, children and adults. Proceeds from the fair will go to purchase equipment for Cascade Medical and other local charities. For further information, Gen at 548-6222. (e47,48,49)



Alki Tours' Snow Train and its entertainers head to the Leavenworth Lighting Festival for the 24th consecutive year

SUBMITTED BY ALKI TOURS

Alki Tours is more than a little obsessed with Leavenworth's Lighting Festival. After all they are the only company in the country that has a train packed full of fabulous performers and a few thousand lucky riders on holiday trips from Seattle to Leavenworth.

The Snow Train is such a magical way to travel from Seattle to Leavenworth. In fact, it's so magical that there is at least one marriage proposal officiated by Santa on board every year.

Passengers board the train at stations in Seattle, Edmonds or Everett and snuggle into their cozy seats for a fun ride. The first thing they notice is the cars—dazzlingly decorated with garlands and ornaments. Elves await to serve hungry travellers breakfast and hot coffee or cocoa.

Cruising eastward, the action inside will compete with the scenery outside as sixteen different groups of entertainers stroll through the train cars. When the train door opens between cars, you never know what type of performance you will see. Be it magicians that levitate, face painters that transform children into wild animals,

crooners from NBC's show The Voice, burlesque dancers, hula singers and dancers, oomp pa pah bands... Alki Tours has it all in one fun-filled day. This trip will definitely take the BAH out of your Humbug. So it's no surprise that everyone is champing at the bit to find out who the celebrity line-up is this year.

Ethan Tucker has toured the country opening for Michael Franti and Spearhead. His unique blend of reggae, soul and acoustic roots will leave you jammin' til your Bavarian keg is gone.

Caela Bailey recently became an internet sensation when she sang lead in Mod Carousel's "Blurred Lines" parody on YouTube, that has been viewed by over 4.5 million. She just released her new CD featuring 50 musicians world-wide.

Jacob Westfall is a singer songwriter from Nashville. He may look familiar after his debut on NBC's show The Voice.

Shannon Delong can wail out the song "Dust in the Wind" because she was the opening act for the band Kansas. You will recognize her partner Chris Eaks as an American Idol star.

Ruben Barron, comedian and magician will make you laugh til your wallet disappears. He performed at Superbowl XXXV and was voted Best Local Celebrity by Seattle Weekly Magazine.

Bonnie Birch is an accordion virtuoso that played in Carnegie Hall. Her Bavarian Band can rock all of the classic German tunes and can also play an astounding rendition of Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven.

Michael Cagle has received many great reviews. Ed McMahon called him a "Powerful Vocalist who can hit notes so big and long you could drive a truck on them". FOX TV said, "Michael's voice is like Patti La Belle meets Nathan Lane".

Haley Johnsen's one-of-a-kind voice is mesmerizing. You may have seen her on American Idol but now you can hear her on the radio across the country.

Auntie Manu is an "institution" in the Hawaiian Islands. She is the queen of Hawaiian music cd's and has taught her girls how to hula. The dancing is so beautiful it will make you want to fly direct to the Islands.

You may know the Canote Brothers from their 13 year

Canote Brothers



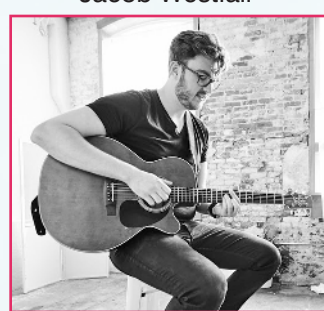
Ethan Tucker



Haley Johnsen



Jacob Westfall



Michael Cagle



stint on NPR Radio with Sandy Bradley's Potluck and as the band for Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion. With their banjo and fiddle, it's all back porch when these boys swing.

Ericka Corban is a singer/songwriter who's voice is likened to Norah Jones, Colbie Caillat, and Sarah McLachlan. Her songs have been placed in indie films as well as Star-

bucks stores worldwide. She recently appeared as a contestant on Season 12 of NBC's hit show The Voice.

At age 15, Washington native Emily Randolph was selected to be on the NBC hit singing show

The Voice. She chose Team Blake and was mentored by the legendary Cher. She is an upcoming country star.

These are just some of the

performers who will entertain riders on the three Saturday trips the Snow Train will make over the pass to the Lighting Festival. Trip includes breakfast and dinner. For more information about the train, the entertainers, or to book seats in 2017 and 2018, please contact Alki Tours at 800-895-ALKI or online at alkitours.com.

The Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene present the Living Nativity

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN HUFMAN

The Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene will be presenting the Living Nativity on Dec. 22, 23, and 24. Each night, there will be four performances at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. on the church lawn at 111 Ski Hill Drive in Leavenworth. On Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, there will be two candlelight services. The first one will be at 5 p.m. before the first performance of the Living Nativity, and the

second service will take place at 9 p.m. immediately following the last performance.

The Living Nativity began in 1978 under the direction of then Pastor James West. The cast was made up primarily of congregation members, but has expanded over the years to include people from all over the community, and even some visitors from beyond the Wenatchee Valley. Each year the Baby Jesus is played by newborns from the area. It truly has become a fam-

ily event with grandparents, children and grandchildren all participating together celebrating the birth of Christ.

There will be a hospitality tent with cocoa, coffee, and cookies set up for those who would want to warm up in the winter weather.

For further information please call the Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene office at 548-5292. There is no charge for any of the performances. The public is warmly invited to attend.

Spread joy with a simple home-cooked meal

As the nights lengthen and temperatures drop, it's a time to embrace all the simple and cozy pleasures the season has to offer: Tailgating parties, fuzzy socks, hanging strings of lights to bring ambiance to those early evenings.

Of course, the season can also bring on some serious cravings for warm and comforting fare, like warm drinks, stews and chilis and spiced baked apple desserts. In fact, now is the perfect time to increase your contentment and spread the joy by preparing and sharing some homemade food. With these tips, you'll have the perfect recipe for making others around you glow with that particular inner warmth that only the season's simple pleasures can bring.

Fire up the oven

Staying in is always the perfect excuse to create a comforting meal from scratch, especially when it fills your house with warmth and good scents. It could be a batch of almond scones, a chicken pot pie with extra rosemary or a homemade pizza with a robust basil garlic sauce. For the most delicious results, always start with high-quality, wholesome ingredients that make you feel good about what you're making. For example, high-quality seasonings and extracts, such as those from

the Simply Organic line, will infuse your dishes with pure and delicious flavors.

Share the joy

Whatever you're cooking, be sure and make extras, because connecting with others is especially important this time of year. Prepare a meal and invite some friends over for an evening of feasting and conversation. Or use your cooking to uplift someone who could really use a friendly gesture. Perhaps there's an elderly neighbor who can't get out much in the winter, or a friend or colleague with a touch of the blues. A shared homemade meal can be a source of comfort and bring contentment to a dark winter evening. Then, post your experiences and photos of your meal on social media with the hashtag #CookForAChange.

All aglow

However you share the meal, be sure and go with warm, intimate lighting. Place lit candles around the room, hang a string of lights or do both. Either way, the soft glow will make everyone want to linger a little longer over the dinner table, savoring the warmth that comes from the cozy atmosphere, delicious food and fellowship.

Take time for reflection: In the end, your effort and the happiness it creates can make you feel a deeper appreciation for life's simple pleasures. Think about how the time-honored practice of sharing your home, your time and a homemade meal transforms how you feel about the season. Then, inspire others with your stories and photos on social media with the hashtag #CookForAChange. For more information about the campaign, visit www.cookforachange.com.



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Obituaries

Mary Lou (Bunting) Boyd



A long life, well lived. That is what we will remember about Mary Lou Boyd. Throughout her 97 years she maintained a zest for life and was always ready for the next challenge or adventure. Mary Lou passed away Nov. 17, 2017.

Mary Lou loved to travel, entertain, design, read and pray. Possessing a true servant's heart, she faithfully cared for family and friends through delicious cooking and baking from scratch... we will always remember and miss her birthday cakes, Nanaimo bars and oatmeal cookies at Christmastime.

Born June 28, 1920, in Yakima, Washington, to Lyman Jesse Bunting and Mary Virginia (Thomas) Bunting,

passing in 2008. They were both active in the family fruit, cold storage, ice and heating fuel business in Yakima until retirement in 1986. There they raised two sons, Tom and Lyman. Mary Lou and Hunt moved to Leavenworth soon after retirement. They were active community supporters and business owners in Leavenworth beginning in 1967.

After retirement, Mary Lou and Hunt travelled often, spending many winters at their apartment in Mijas in the south of Spain and summers at their cabin at Lake Wenatchee. Most recently, Mary Lou resided at Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus.

ly loved to take drives and outings with her faithful caregivers Julie Dosh, Pam Durfy, Lee Naftz, Paula Richards, Mary Chott and Nancy Lorcher.

Mary Lou is survived by her sons Thomas Huntington Boyd and his wife Mall, and Lyman Bunting Boyd and his wife Janeane, grandchildren Katherine Anne Boyd of Whitefish, Montana, Michael Andrew Boyd of Denver, Colorado, Jesse Huntington Boyd, Taylor William Boyd and wife Lindsay of Leavenworth.

At Mary Lou's request no services will be held. Those wishing to might consider memorials to Mountain Meadows or the Leavenworth Community Cupboard.

Mary Lou most recent-

Dennis E. Nelson



Dennis E. Nelson, of Peshastin, Washington, went to be with the Lord, surrounded by his family, on Nov. 7, 2017, after a short illness. Dennis was born to Manfred and Mildred (Young) Nelson on Dec. 29, 1943, in Lady-smith, Wisconsin, following his siblings: Pheobie, Mavis, Charles and Georgi. In 1947, the family moved to Leavenworth, Washington, and in 1948, the Nelson Homestead was established on the Chumstick. After his school years in Leavenworth, Dennis began his adult life,

for Burlington Railroad and Washington Tree Service, before spending the next 47 years working for Blue Bird in Peshastin, Washington, as a refrigeration engineer. During those years, Dennis and Sunday had six children: Delainy, Dennis John, Michael, Wendy, Laurel Lynn, and Jeramie. Later, Dennis married Patricia Searles and raised Heather Nelson.

Dennis is survived by his sister, Georgi Scott; ex-wife, Sunday; his children: Delainy (Shaun) Laird, Dennis John, Michael (Leslie), Wendy

(Fred) Berger, and Jeramie. He is also survived by his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents; sisters: Pheobie, and Mavis; brother, Chuck; and infant daughter, Laurel Lynn.

His family is missing him terribly, but we know we will see him again in heaven. There will be a Celebration of Dennis' Life on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at the Dryden Gun Club at 1 p.m. Please join us in a potluck meal and stories about dad.

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Cascade School District sees decline in 2017 general fund

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

At the Nov. 27 Cascade School Board meeting, Finance Manager Dwight Remick spent considerable time explaining why the balance in the general fund had gone down in 2017.

The board had some years ago set a fund balance goal of 8.5 percent. Since 2011, the fund balance has steadily increased, from 0.3 percent to 7.9 percent in 2016. In 2017, the fund balance dipped to 7.4 percent.

"Where are we at in our ending fund balance. This is just the general fund. Looking at it from Aug. 2012 coming forward year by year. It shows you the trends. Originally when we looked at it, the board did not have a policy in place that said they had a goal," Remick said. "When you look at those numbers and it says zero, any excess funds we had were considered unassigned. Now, that you've established a goal. The original goal was 5 percent. Now, it is 8.5 percent, we've reclassified those funds."

Remick said the fund balance has been climbing.

"Starting out, we were at \$39,000. Now, we ended at \$1.165 million. Next year, I've already worked based upon the enrollment and the budget we adopted, where do I see us going at the end of next August," Remick said. "When you look at the fact there was a decline during this past year."

There are various reasons for the decline, he said, such as trying to cover some improvements for the construction projects, remodeling of the high school, special ed department and the construction office.

Those were covered out of the general fund so the district could maintain additional funds in the capital projects fund to make sure it goes as far as it can, Remick said.

"We also this past year had five key employees that retired, Mike Hill, Tim Lawless, Bruce Disher, Esther Christian, Dawn Darling. Normally, you'll see one or two retire a year. That's not too big a hit," Remick said. "When you start looking at five, two of them being administrators, one being an employee who had been here 30 years. We had a large amount of money to pay off sick leave balances, which they are entitled to by law. That was part of that dip this past year."

The fund balance policy amount went down by \$10,231, but the fund balance percentage went from 7.9 to 7.4 percent, which doesn't make sense, he said.

"It's because the percentages is based on the total that we spend. So as we spend more, as we have raises that come through from the state, the amount of money we need to maintain that same percentage increases. So even though we went down slightly on our total dollar amount of our fund balance, as a percentage, it had a major impact," Remick said.

Next Aug. 31, Remick is projecting a gain of \$191,000 to bring that percentage to 8.3 percent. Remick said, basically because enrollment looks to be on the upswing.

"Last year, even though our enrollment was well above what we budgeted, it was actually only 1.3 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) higher, one student, than the prior year. We had additional things we did as far as the construction projects, the retirements. So our expenditure levels went up even though our FTE was basically the same," Remick said. "When you look at this year, we're running way above budget. We're also running above what we had for last year's enrollment. When you look at those projections and I'm saying we're going to see \$200,000 increase in fund balance. It's because those num-

bers are substantially higher that they were before."

A lot of the enrollment growth is in K-3, he said, which means they would have to hire additional teachers to capture that funding, but that appears to be changing.

"One of things different this year, the legislature has not tied a compliance issue with the K-3 funding, so whatever we have got for K-3 students, we're going to fund for, no matter how many teachers we have," Remick said. "Last year, as we had extra kids in those K-3 classes, we couldn't get the additional funding because we weren't spending it on teachers."

This was done to help meet the McCleary decision, Remick said.

"They are funding based on a K-3 ratio, ignoring how many teachers we have. We'll see a gain this year based upon that," Remick said. "To see a gain in the following years, we'll have to be very cognizant enough, plan on additional funds being there, to have the staffing to go with it."

Board member Kristin Wood said they set a goal for an 8.5 percent fund balance several years ago. She asked about the fund balances at other school districts. Remick said Ephrata was at 25 percent, while Cashmere was at 12-14 percent.

"Because of their situation with the high school bond project, they have money within their general fund to help meet those needs. Their overall percentage is climbing, but what they are using for operations is similar to where we are at," he said of Cashmere. "I don't know Lake Chelan. Typically, they are slightly higher than we are. Wenatchee and Eastmont, based upon their negotiations this past year, I expect a nose dive."

Wood asked Remick what his recommendation would be for the fund balance. Remick said he would set 8.5 percent, at minimum.

"One of the real unknowns,

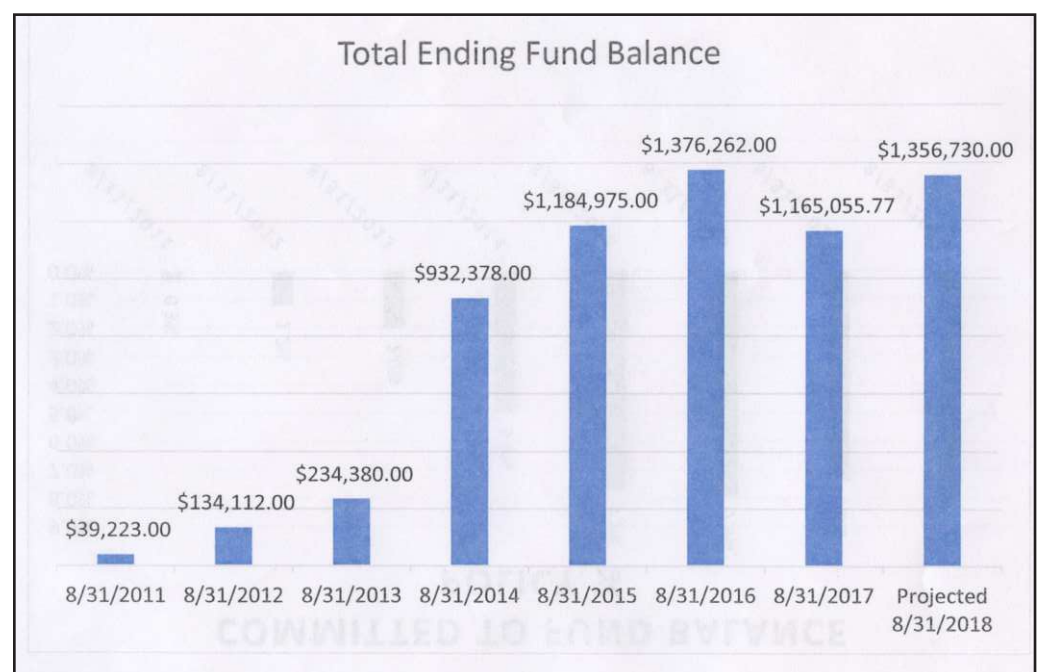
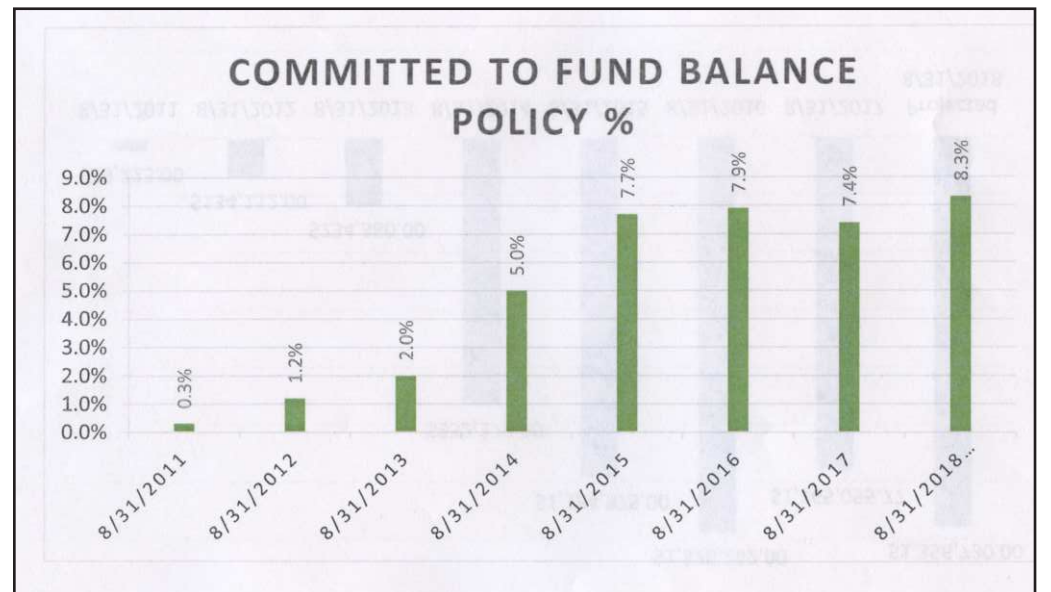
when you look at the funding formula, there is the one year we got raises. We'll see half the amount to contribute to meet McCleary. Then, the year after, it will be at 100 percent," he said. "There's a lot of unknowns coming at us. To make

To be proactive, Remick said they have to look at it every year.

"Our initial goal was 5 percent. We hit the 5 percent and board said, let's reestablish it and go to 8.5 percent. Let's do that growth without having

compensation, which also impacted the fund balance.

"That did pull that money out of the ending fund balance to do those things. We're right where Lake Chelan and Cashmere is with their staffs so everybody is even. That



commitments below that 8.5 percent, I would be strongly opposed to that. At the same time, with all the unknowns, to go from 8.5-to-10 percent. There are so many different moving pieces."

current students go without. A 10-to-12 percent fund balance is reasonable," Remick said.

When the district negotiated with staff, Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker said, they agreed to some increased

was an important step, even though it impacted our ending fund balance," Motsenbocker said.

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Councilman position: City now accepting applications for council seat

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So the applications would be due Dec. 31, Councilwoman Margaret Neighbors asked.

"That is perfectly acceptable. I don't think having a council vacancy, one of seven, for a few weeks into January is not a real problem. We've had a council vacancy before and taken adequate time to make sure we hear from anyone who has the interest," Farivar said.

There are too many distractions at the end of the year, Larsen said. He felt the second meeting in January would be a worthwhile target for appointing a new council person.

There could be a special session in January for interviews, Larsen said. Farivar said it would depend on the number of applicants.

"We don't have to set that date yet. What we could do is say, that Jan. 9 meeting you can set your interview date," Walinski said.

That makes good sense, Farivar said.

"We would also know how many applicants. That would give council between Jan. 1 and Jan. 9 to look over the applications," Farivar said.

Bretz wondered if there was just one applicant, then could the council appoint at the council meeting. Farivar said it has been many years since there was just one applicant.

"We tend to get more applicants a vacancy of this nature than we get during the election process. Most people don't want to go through the

election process," Larsen said.

Councilman Clint Strand asked if there were a lot of candidates, does council interview each one?

"It can be a shorter interview process. It is a council decision. If we have 12 or 15, we would interview all of them. It is part of our process. We may end up having two meetings," Farivar said.

"We could change our mind if we had a multitude of candidates or if we had just one."

The letter of interest and application would be due at the end of the year, prior to the Jan. 9 meeting. At that time, the council would make a decision if there were a lot of candidates or a few.

Councilwoman Sharon Waters asked if the council reviews the letters of interest together. Farivar said it would be emailed to each council member. Walinski said it would also be posted on the city website.

"Here's the Open Meetings Act caution. The only communication you can have is from staff to you. Individual

council members do not have cross conversations about those materials. That could be a violation of the Open Meetings Act," said City Attorney Thom Graafstra.

Waters asked if the council can talk to the public about it.

"The public can talk to individual council members. Council members cannot talk amongst themselves," Graafstra said.

Waters noted that candidates are allowed to sit in the audiences while other candidates are being interviewed. She said that was not the case when she applied to council.

"We asked you to be courteous so you don't hear what other people are saying as answers, then piggyback on their answers. Legally, they can stay in this room," said City Finance Director Chantell Steiner.

Farivar said both the letter of interest and the application are due at the end of the year.

"My fear is we're going to miss someone who might inquire. If somebody is in-

terested, how do they get the application? Is everything posted on the website?," Farivar said.

The candidates send in the letters of interest, the applications will be available on the city website, Walinski said.

"Since we're changing the process, we've also asked for the letter of intent first, then we provide them with the application. I don't want any confusion to occur for a potential candidate," Farivar said.

Steiner said if they get a letter of interest without the application, they will call the candidate.

It was noted Dec. 31 is a Sunday, so the council decided to set the deadline at the end of business on Friday, Dec. 29.

"This has been a confusing process. We have had an instance where we had a great candidate who didn't get the application in in time. I really want to be clear to the public and all interested par-

ties," Farivar said. "Filling the vacancy, there are two things every candidate must have. They must 18 years of age and must reside within city limits and be a registered voter. Must have resided in the city for at least one year."

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Winter Sports Preview



CASCADE VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Photo by Ian Dunn

From left, Jose Valdez, Raul Mata, Dillon Samuel, Isaac Cortes, Hans Schyler, Cole Warnaca, Jose Mendoza, Kurt Fraker.

Cascade boys' basketball team looks for playoff berth this season

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Cascade Head Coach Paul Fraker enters his second year since returning to coaching. The Kodiaks struggled in his return, finishing 1-11 in league and 3-16 overall. From that team returns three players this season.

"We have a young group. We're only bringing three guys returning to the varsity roster. Lots of younger guys will be playing varsity minutes. We're in the process of evaluating players, trying to figure out roles," Fraker said.

There are 30 players turning out, enough to fill varsity, junior varsity and c-squad. Re-

turners include seniors Jose Mendoza and Dillon Samuel and junior Jose Valdez.

"It's nice to have some experience coming back. We had a lot of guys who were on JV last year moving up. We have a couple freshman in Cole Warnaca and Isaac Cortez that will contribute some big varsity minutes," Fraker said. Cascade scored an opening season victory over Quincy, 55-51, on Nov. 28. Hans Schyler led the Kodiaks with 20 points.

"A win at Quincy. I don't care where they are at, that is a good win in our first game. It's a real positive start. We didn't play great, but we played well enough to win. We battled some adversity. We

were down 10 in the second half. I was glad to see us battle back and win," Fraker said.

Since Fraker was ejected from the last game of the season last year, he had to sit out the opener this year, which made it kind of strange. Jimmy Fraker took over as head coach.

"Unfortunately, this was the second time that has happened. Hopefully, it is the last. I just sat by my phone and our athletic director, Dom Coffin, just texted me as much as he could. I texted the guys after the game. Then, I got to watch the film the next day. It was interesting," Fraker said.

Cascade finished last in the Caribou Trail League last season, but they were competitive

CASCADE VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

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Wed, Dec 27	Black Hills Liberty Bell	4:30 PM	Home	CHS
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in many games. To win, Fraker said they'll have to take advantage of their team speed.

"All our guys can move. We're a very fast team. Our bigs are slender guys who can fly up and down the court and shoot the basketball. We want to unselfish basketball. On any given night, we want four or five guys scoring in double figures is what I would hope," Fraker said. "We're always going to try and hunker down on

D. We're not the biggest team so we have to really battle and have good technique, execute what we're trying to do on the defensive end and we'll do okay."

In terms of a predicted finish in league, Fraker is not going there.

"I'm not much for predictions. Our goal is to get through the first week and see where we're at because we're so young. We have to

be playing our best basketball coming down the stretch in January. As long as we control our destiny, anything can happen," Fraker said. "Last year, we were not fortunate enough to be in the top four, so that's a first step and the goal right now."

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CASCADE VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Photo by Ian Dunn

From left, Magali Olguin, Colby West, Kascia Muscutt, Kaija Lovelady, Bekah Francis, Kayla Bittle, Dorothy Espinosa, Alondra Acevedo, Alexa Rodgers.

Cascade girls' basketball team looking for improvement in year two under Lewman

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

After finishing the season 0-20 last year, there is obviously no where to go up but up for the Cascade girls' basketball team. Dane Lewman was saddled with a tough job last season. The overwhelming success of soccer and volleyball did not spill over onto the basketball court.

None of the soccer or volleyball girls turned out for basketball, which definitely hurt. But now in year two under Dane Lewman, there is hope.

"We're close to having 30, so we're the only team in the league that has three teams. That was our goal last year, to build the program and get numbers out. We did that this year, so we're excited about

that," Lewman said.

The talent level was an obvious issue last season. Lewman said any success they have is going to come from hard work.

"The girls have come this year with a completely different focus from last year. We have really pushed the envelope these first two weeks just with skills across the board. It's been really good for us," Lewman said.

The goal is to improve on the defensive side, then push the ball up court on offense. In their first game of the season, Nov. 28, at Quincy, the girls did something they could not last season, they won, 60-40.

"We did it the way we wanted to do it. We lost only one senior. The is the second year for the girls in the program. They showed that last night. The improvement across the

board is tremendous from last year. We're really excited. Looking forward to keep going with the momentum," Lewman said.

The Caribou Trail League is not one for the weak hearted. Cashmere and Okanogan are two of the top teams in state, Chelan and Omak are much improved. To compete, Lewman said they have to play their game.

"That's our thing. I preach to the girls all the time. We don't care what other teams do. We have to care what we do. We have to attack the hoop, play strong defense. We have to hit our shots when they are there," Lewman said. "We'll get them. We'll get the looks. We just have to make sure we're knocking them down."

Cascade is returning seven girls from last season. That will be key, Lewman said.

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Some girls who were injured last season are back. Plus, they picked up Alexa Rodgers and Kascia Muscutt from the soccer team.

"Those guys will help us improve. We have 10 that I carry just on varsity. At Quincy, we played all of them. Anytime we can play deep, we can run with anybody. That is our goal this year," Lewman said.

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CASCADE VARSITY BOYS WRESTLING

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Back row, from left, Hunter Reinhart, Daniel Claros, Octavio Ramirez, Arthur Drake, Conner Head, Ethan Almeida. Middle row, Spencer Drolc, Isai Claros, Saul Vizcaino, Jace Seely, Hunter Zackary, Adian Arceo. Front row, Austin Curry, Axel Martinez, Ricardo Barragan, Daniel Sandoval, Juan Martinez, D'Andre Vasquez.

Cascade wrestlers expect another solid season

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Cascade Wrestling Head Coach Jesus Sandoval is hoping to build upon their success from last season. They finished second in the Caribou Trail League and sent five wrestlers to state, three to wrestle and two alternates.

Out of those five, four are back this season.

"That is a really good foundation. We already have kids that are setting the tone in the wrestling room at the level we want. That makes a huge difference. When we have good leaders up here who are working really hard, it just sets the tone for everyone," Sandoval said. "This year, we're finally going to see a group of kids who are at the level that I've been hoping for the last few years."

Covering the weight classes is important, particularly in the dual matches. Sandoval said they are missing a 113 pounder and a 195 pounder. Standout heavyweight Hunter Reinhart is out for the season

after knee surgery.

"Right now, based on the doctors, he won't be able to get back to wrestle, but we're hoping with physical therapy and some exercise, hopefully he can get strong enough to start competing toward the end of the season," Sandoval said of Reinhart. "It's really unfortunate. As a sophomore, he's already ranked number four in state. It's unfortunate he had that injury and ended up having surgery. It would be really nice to have him eligible."

Another top standout is junior 126 pounder Daniel Sandoval, a state participant last year.

"He is one of our top guys as well. He's one of the guys setting the tone. With the strength, conditioning and technique, he is one of our leaders," Sandoval said.

Cascade's 106 pounder, freshman Carlos Martinez, is a solid wrestler. Axel Martinez, a junior, is pretty solid at 120 pounds. Senior Daniel Claros made state as an alternate last year.

"Then, we have a kid from Richland, Jace Seely, who is also a 126 pounder. We are hoping to get him 120. Technique wise, he looks pretty good. I know he's going to be a tough wrestler. We were able to get back a couple kids who wrestled their whole lives in the little kids program. They did not wrestle in high school," Sandoval said.

Cashmere transfer, Connor Head, is a senior Sandoval hopes can do well.

"There is a few young kids, who are young in wrestling, but having these other guys setting the tone makes a big difference. They are already working hard. That's huge," he said. "When I took over, we had kids I was afraid to push hard. Now, with this group, they are going to do anything we ask. They have that mentality that anything is possible."

In league, Chelan figures to be tough again. Cashmere is improved with better numbers this season. Omak and Okanogan usually have strong wrestlers.

"We should be right there competing for the league title again. That's my goal as a coach," Sandoval said. "What is going to hurt us is missing those weight classes. We'll see if we can fill those out."

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CASCADE VARSITY BOYS WRESTLING

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Thu, Nov 30	Cle Elum Jamboree		
	☐ Cle Elum (Host)	6:00 PM	Away
Sat, Dec 2	Omak Invite		
	█ Omak (Host)	10:00 AM	Away
	█ Brewster		
	█ Cashmere		
	█ Cascade		
	█ Okanogan		
	█ Tonasket		
Wed, Dec 6	Double Dual @ Cascade		
	█ Cascade (Host)	6:00 PM	Home
	█ Cashmere		
	☐ Royal		
	█ Tonasket		
Sat, Dec 9	Granger Ironman		
	☐ Granger (Host)		Away
	█ Cascade		
	█ East Valley (Yakima)		
	█ Grandview		
	█ Omak		
	█ Prosser		
* Tue, Dec 12	█ Chelan	6:00 PM	Home
	MAT 1		
* Tue, Dec 12	█ Okanogan	6:00 PM	Home
	Mat 1		
Fri, Dec 15	Non-League Double Dual		
	█ Cashmere (Host)	6:00 PM	Away
Sat, Dec 16	Cashmere Invite		
	█ Cashmere (Host)	10:00 AM	Away
	☐ Cle Elum		
	☐ Columbia (Burbank)		
	█ Cascade		
	☐ Connell		
	█ La Center		
	█ Lake Roosevelt		
	█ Mount Baker		
	█ Omak		




CASCADE WINTER CHEER SQUAD

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Back row, from left, Madison Dye, Mikayla Dunn, Megan Miller, Morgan Colvin. Front row, Sage Worden, Olivia Winters, Sarah Lorenzen

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Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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Leavenworth

Monday, Nov. 27

03:34 911 call reported at 9020 Foster Rd. Dryden.
 05:03 Agency assist requested at US2, MP88.
 06:21 Agency assist requested at US2, MP87.
 08:26 Animal problem reported at 10233 US2.
 08:52 Hazard reported at US2 & Main St. Peshastin.
 09:14 Civil issue reported at Up in Smoke.
 14:33 Public assist requested at 13995 Brae Burn Rd. Lake Wenatchee.
 16:36 Disturbance reported at 820 Front St.
 17:15 Scam reported at 9149 Deadman Hill Rd. Dryden.
 18:34 Theft reported at 923 Commercial St.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

06:47 Parking/abandoned vehicle reported at Karl & Rieche roads.
 09:51 Agency assist requested at 10509 Beecher Hill Rd. Peshastin.
 16:22 Injury accident reported at Chumstick Hwy, MP7.
 19:55 Animal problem reported at Baren Haus.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

08:07 Injury accident reported at 11645 Chumstick Hwy.
 09:14 Parking/abandoned vehicle reported at North Rd.
 10:07 Public assist requested at 2461 Tamarack Crst. Lake Wenatchee.
 11:09 Scam reported at 12250 Allen Rd. Plain.
 11:48 Public assist requested at 18047 River Rd. Plain.
 15:29 Non injury accident reported at 10001 School St. Peshastin.
 17:38 Theft reported at 9052 Icicle Rd.
 20:21 Agency assist requested at 320 Park Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 30

10:03 Disturbance reported at IRMS.
 13:22 Unknown accident reported at SR207, MP3.
 14:28 Hazard reported at Coulter Creek Rd.
 16:10 Public assist requested at 8089 Icicle Rd.
 21:26 Vehicle prowl reported at 111 Ski Hill Dr.

Friday, Dec. 1

02:03 Welfare check requested at Main St. Peshastin.
 11:39 Burglary reported at 18289 Sunland Dr. Lake Wenatchee.
 15:07 Civil issue responded 1326 Dempsey Rd.
 18:45 Traffic offense reported at SR207, MP4.
 18:46 Domestic disturbance reported at Der Linderhoff.
 21:29 911 call reported from Fairbridge Inn.

Saturday, Dec. 2

02:13 Suicide threat reported at 18643 Rieche Rd. Lake Wenatchee.
 05:29 Animal problem reported at Plain.
 07:48 911 call reported from Hampton Inn.
 08:46 Parking/abandoned vehicle issue reported at city pool.
 10:50 Public assist requested at Evergreen Inn.
 11:07 Trespass reported at 10755 North Rd.
 12:27 Non injury accident reported at Main & 9th streets.
 14:51 Property issue reported at 9th & Commercial streets.
 14:59 Property issue reported at downtown Leavenworth.
 15:10 Runaway reported at McDonalds.
 15:32 Trespass reported at Obertal Mall.
 16:20 Domestic disturbance reported at CM.
 16:47 Parking/abandoned vehicle issue reported at 214 Cascade St.
 16:59 Malicious mischief reported at Posthotel.
 17:06 Hazard reported at US2 & Alpansee Strs.
 17:37 Public assist requested at Sandy's Waffle Haus.
 18:55 Traffic offense reported at Safeway.

19:11 Alarm reported at 900 Front St.
 21:56 Public assist requested at IRMS.
 22:01 Vehicle prowl reported at 1010 Main St.
 22:46 Unknown accident reported at Lake Wenatchee Hwy.

Sunday, Dec. 3

01:10 Agency assist requested from Bavarian Lodge.
 02:34 Noise reported at KOA.
 09:58 911 call reported at Hampton Inn.
 11:24 Traffic offense reported at Chumstick Hwy. & Fir St.
 13:26 Non injury accident reported at Chumstick Hwy, MP7.
 14:32 Property issue reported at 820 Front St.
 23:05 911 call reported from Hampton Inn.
 23:18 Disturbance reported at The Loft.

Fire/EMS Responses

Monday, Nov. 27

05:02 CM,CC9 responded to an unknown accident at US2, MP88.
 06:21 CM,CC9 responded to an injury accident at US2, MP87.
 07:32 CM,CC3 responded to someone with chest pain at 421 Cascade St.
 15:17 CM,CC9 responded to a hemorrhage at US2, MP65.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

16:21 CM,CC3 responded to a motor vehicle accident at Chumstick Hwy, MP7.
 21:20 CM,CC3,CC6 responded to a motor vehicle accident at US97, MP171.
 23:58 CM,CC3 responded to someone with cold exposure at Union 76 Quick Stop.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

01:02 CM responded to a sick person at 100 Enchantment Park Wy.
 08:07 CM,CC3 responded to an injury accident at 11645 Chumstick Hwy.
 16:16 CM,CC6 responded to a stroke at 8896 Deadman Hill Rd.
 18:36 CM,CC3,CC6 responded to a structure fire at 6296 US97.
 20:21 CM responded to a cardiac issue at Mountain Meadows.

Thursday, Nov. 30

11:15 CM responded to a breathing problem at 320 Park Ave.
 13:17 CM,CC3 responded to an unconscious person at 8089 Icicle Rd.
 13:21 CM,CC9 responded to an unknown accident at SR207, MP3.

Friday, Dec. 1

08:11 CM,CC3 responded to a heart problem reported at 7502 Icicle Rd.
 10:02 CC3,CC9 responded to a brush fire at 17632 Winton Rd.
 14:17 CM,CC9 responded to an injury collision at 17458 US2.
 18:46 CM,CC3 responded to a traumatic injury at Der Linderhoff.
 20:21 CM,CC9 responded to an unknown accident at US2, MP78.
 20:56 CM,CC3 responded to a fall at Kristalls Restaurant.
 23:14 CM responded to a personal assist at Bavarian Ritz Hotel.

Saturday, Dec. 2

13:34 CM,CC3 responded to a fall at 11654 North Rd.
 14:52 CM,CC9 responded to an unknown injury collision at US2, MP68.
 15:01 CM,CC3,CC6 responded to an injury accident at US97, MP177.
 16:53 CC3 responded to a pole fire at 923 Commercial St.
 20:26 CM responded to a sick person at 340 Prospect St.
 22:48 CM,CC9 responded to an unknown accident at Lake Wenatchee Hwy.

Sunday, Dec. 3

01:10 CM,CC3 responded to an overdose at 810 US2.
 01:53 CM,CC3 responded to a sick person at 263 Mine St.
 07:56 CM responded to someone with abdominal pain at 185 US2.
 15:48 CM,CC3 responded to a stroke at 725 Front St.
 16:18 CC9 responded to a motor vehicle accident at 34450 US2.
 22:37 CM,CC3 responded to a traumatic injury at 810 US2.

More helicopter flights over transmission lines planned

High-tech aerial surveys are vital tools to keep electric service reliable

SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLEE CRAIG

Chelan PUD customers will see a helicopter flying along PUD transmission lines for several days later this month, similar to the work that was done last spring. This round of flights will cover lines in the upper Wenatchee Valley between Cashmere and Lake Wenatchee, followed by the Chelan Valley from Lake Chelan Dam to Manson.

Crew on the flights will take pictures and gather high-tech survey information to help PUD engineers maintain reliable electric service in the county.

Jim Caldwell, senior transmission system engineer, said the information gathered during the flights is used for de-

tailed computer models of the PUD's transmission system that are vital tools for making sure the high-voltage lines continue to provide reliable service for PUD customers.

Caldwell said it will take about two weeks to complete the flights over both areas. The helicopter will fly twice along the transmission lines. A high-level flight to take wide-angle aerial photos will be done first, followed by low-level flight at less than 500 feet above the line, to gather the survey data using LiDAR technology (Light Detection and Ranging sensors).

The flights were expected to start last week, depending on the contractor's availability. The flights will be done during



Photo submitted by Kimberlee Craig
 Chelan PUD's contractor prepares to fly over sections of transmission line with specialized laser equipment to capture data for mapping and to analyze reliability.

business hours.

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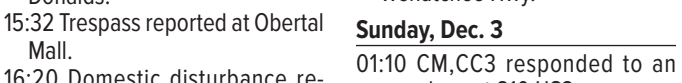
Learn more at these community meetings.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. on:

Dec. 11: PUD Leavenworth Office Auditorium, 222 Chumstick Hwy.
Dec. 12: PUD Chelan Office Conference Room, 1034 E. Woodin Ave.
Dec. 20: Wenatchee's Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Way

PUD commissioners will host a public hearing in January to consider the proposal, review customer feedback and take comment in the headquarters boardroom at 327 N. Wenatchee Ave.

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