

Local Election 2017

Tibor Lak and Clint Strand vie for seat left open by Rich Brinkman

By IAN DUNN
 EDITOR

The race for Leavenworth City Council seat number six involves council vet Tibor Lak and former radio personality Clint Strand. Lak, 58, served 12 years on the council until he was defeated by Margaret Neighbors two years ago.

Lak, a lifelong Leavenworth resident, said numerous times people have asked him to run for council, many feeling the council lacked a business perspective.

"I've heard that. That has been one of the subjects that have come up. I've heard 'stagnant.' I don't know. When I left, I told my family I was not going to do anything for a year or more. I wouldn't look or listen or be involved," Lak said. "I would say the last seven months, it was almost daily, I would run into somebody who asked me to run. I just really had to decide if I wanted to get back into it. Then, the next question was, can I help? I think I can."

Lak said he does not have to be brought up to speed, can step right in and go. He understands how it works and now

he has more time that ever. Lak feels his experience could really help the council moving forward.

"I have a tendency to look at things a little differently. I like to wait and be last and really look at it and dissect it. One of the main things on council, you have to read your material. If you don't read and study, you are going to miss something," Lak said. "I think they have a different thought pattern on how things are done, what you can and cannot do. If you don't understand, there is a lot you can't do by yourself than you can do as a whole. You'll run into a road block."

One of the issues he worked on over the years is Pine Street. He would like to see it finished, feeling it is very important, particularly with the new school being built. He feels the affordable housing issue led to his defeat in the last



Clint Strand

election.

"One of the reasons I'm not there is because I challenged the affordable housing. I would like to see affordable housing. It was the money issue. Show me the money. We all know what happened with that. I would like see housing that is affordable. Look at it from that direction instead trying to build something you don't know how. There was too many players," Lak said.

Ultimately, affordable housing may lead to apartments, rather low cost homes, he said.

"The thing you have to ask yourself is affordable housing equate to ownership, which is the ideal outcome, but is it realistic in this environment in this valley? Land is scarce, so it is more valuable. If it was profitable, it would already have been done by a developer. I think you're lucky to have an

organization like MEND in this valley that does the things it does," Lak said.

Lak has followed the overnight rental issue with great interest.

"If you look at singular, most people say it doesn't bother me. But I think you need to look at it plural. Lets say the guy across the street wants it. Fine. Then, the next guy wants the same thing. Now, you're in a commercial zone practically. The bed and breakfast is the way to go. I don't know how you regulate it," Lak said.

During his tenure on the council, he oversaw the purchase of the old fruit warehouse and development of parking there. He's anxious to see the results of the parking study.

"Parking does two things. It puts people in the core and retains a customer. The sales tax base that Leavenworth



Tibor Lak

has is a huge component to running this city. I don't know if people realize that or not," Lak said. "Ninety-seven percent of that is brought by the visitor. You have to develop that, maintain it. You have to maintain the Bavarian theme because it is not what we do but who we are. It's the driving force."

The city is one of the biggest protectors of the Bavarian theme because of the code, he said.

"You take the lodging tax which is money the city gets back. The budget for the city is \$7-8 million. When you take \$3 million of sales tax and lodging tax money, even though lodging tax money is restricted, that is a huge portion of the budget. You have to make sure and maintain that," Lak said.

Lak's Gallery operated in downtown Leavenworth for 36 years until closing earlier

this year. Lak said it was fun while it lasted. Now, he has a new store open in the Mottler building.

"It's a downsized version of the Gallery. It's most of the tourist lines, but we don't have the ice cream or the coffee because of Cold Stone. We opened a week and half ago," Lak said.

Clint Strand, 40, has lived in Leavenworth for 11 years. He's become known in the valley for his work on the radio, at KOHO for 10 years. Now, he is working in communications and public relations at Confluence Health in Wenatchee.

He ran for school board several years ago, but was forced to pull out of the race. Because he hosted a daily radio show, even though he never talked about the election, he could be made to provide equal time to his fellow candidates. Each candidate needed to sign a waiver, but one person was unwilling.

"My decision was made for me," Strand said.

Now, he's running for council ... because he can.

"Public service has always

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Businessman Gary Planagan challenges incumbent Sharon Waters for council

By IAN DUNN
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The race for Leavenworth City Council seat number five pits local businessman Gary Planagan against longtime local resident Sharon Waters. Waters, 73, was appointed to the council about one year ago to fill the seat vacated by Michael Molohon.

Waters, who has lived in Leavenworth for 47 years, said she ran because it was something she always wanted to do. She attended city council meetings for years when there was a topic she was interested in or to see how a new council worked together.

She's learned a lot over the past year, being a member of the council.

"One of the first things I noticed how qualified and talented our city staff is, the volunteers on the planning commission, design review board. These are just regular people that are highly qualified. I think the city is so lucky to have that support system," Waters said. "I do my homework. I research everything I can think to give myself the best view of the whole picture and how what we're doing affects people, whether it is people here or we're making a decision that affects people somewhere else."

In her first year, Waters has shown a strong mind, some-

one not afraid to vote no.

"We're all there to be the voice for the residents and businesses. One thing that is a little tough, some people don't speak out. If we are speaking for them, how can we do that if we don't know?" Waters said. "If I am inundated with a lot of people saying the same thing, don't do this or don't do that. I feel like I'm hearing the bulk of the people and it is my job to put anything personal aside. I'm there for them."

Waters said she gets comments from city residents and people who live outside the city. Parking is a huge issue, she said. She is anxiously awaiting the results of the parking study. Waters is hoping to hear some possible solutions.

She is also concerned about the cost of living in Leavenworth.

"With the assessments on our property taxes, that is a big deal in terms of passing certain things. We have the sewer treatment plant upgrade which is huge. I was at a regional meeting in Wenatchee. A gentleman from Cashmere said just their sewer



Gary Planagan

bill was \$105. We don't want to go there," Waters said. "We need to keep utility rates down for these residents and businesses."

She is also keeping a close eye on the Pine Street project,

and hopes to see residents at a public meeting on Oct. 25. Many people also hope the city comes up with some solutions for affordable housing, Waters said.

"I don't know how much we can do in the city limits. There are affordable housing task force recommendations the council approved, which have moved onto the planning commission. They'll be working on that and coming back with some possible solutions," Waters said.

As for business, Waters said he hears a lot about issues at the chamber meetings.

"Since I've been on the council, I don't think a business person has spoke to the council about needing help. Everything seems to channel through the chamber," Waters said. "Living in the residential area, I'm more aware of what is going on in the residential area. I do have two daugh-

ters that work downtown. I hear some of the issues from them."

Gary Planagan, 62, has lived in Leavenworth for 40 years. He's known in town as the owner of Osprey Rafting.

"We created that in our backyard. This is our 27th year. I employ up to 50 people. We have a ski shop in the winter time. We provide skis for the Ski Hill, cross country skis. We have season rentals to provide affordable skiing," Planagan said.

Planagan has been on the chamber board for nine years and he's been involved with Rotary for seven, working with the exchange program. He did not have an interest in running for council until he was approached by multiple people.

"They just felt there was an imbalance on city council, leaning toward strictly residential. Nobody was representing business. They thought I was a perfect candidate because I understand how intertwined business and residential is," Planagan said. "People are amazed when people don't know what businesses contribute to this town. At the



Sharon Waters

same, what the residents have contributed. I would not be in business if not for the residents and business people in town."

In tough times, Planagan said the business community comes through and helps everyone out.

"We would not have anything in this town if not for the business community, the parks, pump track. That includes people that don't have businesses, the volunteerism, the sense of community is off the hook. This is a really special place," Planagan said.

Planagan said he plans to represents residents and businesses equally on the council.

"It can't be just business or just residential. If you separate that, that is where the problems happen. That tears the fabric of the community apart, business versus residential," Planagan said. "That is caused by lack of understanding and education. If people understood, there wouldn't be a problem."

There are amazing people that run the businesses, he said.

"Yes, there are a few bad apples out there that run their businesses in a manner that we're a little embarrassed of. We also have residents out there that want to stretch and fray the fabric of our community," Planagan said. "In general, I wouldn't trade the community for the world. It is a great place."

As a longtime river rafter, Planagan said he is concerned about the large amount of tubers on the river around Leavenworth. His concerns go back 10 years and he has a tubing business.

"My tubing business has nothing to do with Leavenworth. We partner with the KOA and tube down to the Happy Wave. We chose not to contribute to the lazy river tubing that is congesting the river in Leavenworth," Planagan said. "I'm out of the box and think differently and come with creative ideas, a plan that does not impact my neighbors. I'm not impacting the craziness on tubing. The city does not know what to do with it, but it is a huge problem. It will be addressed, if I'm elected."

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Leavenworth

Needy Animal Fund Fundraiser

The Needy Animal Fund is a nonprofit organization that assists people who meet the criteria of the Fund with emergency medical costs for their pets. We're having a fundraiser sale at the fire station on Chumstick Highway on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have items to donate for the sale please call Kathy 670-3421 or Jennifer 548-6382 to arrange pickup or a drop off site. Donation receipts are available. (e41,42,43)

Kids Coat Drive

Captain Bly's Educational Foundation is sponsoring a coat drive for kids until Oct. 27. All types kids winter clothing will be collected at the Cascade School District administrative office including gloves, hats, boots, scarves and coats. Youth and adult sized clothing in good condition will be accepted for distribution to students in need at PD Elementary, Osborn Elementary, Beaver Valley School, and Icicle River Middle School. The administrative office is located at 330 Evans St. (e41,42,43)

Understanding and Navigating Dementia

Amanda Ledezma RN, BSN and director of Mountain Meadows' Memory Care, will discuss disease process; how we can stay connected to loved ones as the disease progresses; and about how we can find support, hope, information and resources to help navigate this challenge. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Leavenworth United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St. 548-5619. All are invited. Walk-ins are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. (e42,43)

Ghosts of Leavenworth author to visit library

Do you know of the ghosts wandering the byways, backstreets and basements of Leavenworth and our valley? Deborah Cuyle does. Cuyle, author of "Ghosts of Leavenworth and the Cascades Foothills" and of "Haunted Snohomish" shares the history and folklore behind these haunting tales at Leavenworth Library, 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27. Free. Call 548-7923. (e42,43)

North Cascades National Park: Crown Jewel

Remote, rugged, and spectacularly majestic, with peaks that soar beyond 10,000 feet, North Cascades National Park is one of the Pacific Northwest's crown jewels. Now, in the first full-length account, Lauren Danner chronicles the conflicts, policies and dynamics behind the creation of North Cascades National Park—just in time for the park's 50th anniversary in 2018. Friday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Library. Free. Call 548-7923. (e43,44)

Gainey: Light of the Northern Dancers

Robin Gainey, from a century of roots in Leavenworth, shares "Light of the Northern Dancers," a powerful western romance, where the lives of a fiery aristocrat, backwoods spitfire, and enigmatic holy man intersect against the terrible beauty of drought-worn 1890s Wyoming. Gainey also shares highlights of the novel-to-film adaptation process. Wednesday, Nov. 8., 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Library. Free. Call 548-7923. (e43,44)

Leavenworth Women's Exchange

The Leavenworth Women's Exchange monthly luncheon meeting is on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at noon at Visconti's of Leavenworth, 636 Front St. The cost is \$15 per person for members and \$17 for non-members. Beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity are included. Patti Bosket, interior, wedding and seasonal designer will present a program titled "Backyard Picks". For information and reservations, contact Ann Thrasher at 548-5363 by Saturday, Nov. 4. (e43,44)

Link Transit open house

Join Link Transit and Perteet, Inc. at an open house for our upcoming park and ride and transfer station coming in 2018. The open house will be on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Leavenworth City Hall. There will not be a set presentation, but instead an opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to drop in and find out more about the project and ask questions of Link staff and the Perteet design team. If you have questions about this open house or are interested but unable to attend, please contact Lauren Loeb sack, Planning Officer at lauren@linktransit.com or 664.7608. (e43,44)

Peshastin

PD Elementary Veterans Day

Peshastin Dryden Elementary School would love to invite veterans and their families to their Veterans Day assembly Nov. 3 at 1:45 p.m. It will be held in the school gym, located at 10001 School St., Peshastin. (e42,43)

Good News Club

Do you remember the days of backyard Bible Clubs during the summer? They were called Good News Clubs. Good News Clubs are in your area again. These are not school-sponsored but they are being held at the following schools after school. Peshastin Dryden Elementary, every Thursday, 2:40 to 4 p.m. Vale Elementary, every Tuesday, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. To sign up or for further information, call 509-662-2320. Good News Clubs are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, Wenatchee, an international, interdenominational ministry. (e42,43)

Regional

Voters Guide Online

Information provide by candidates running for local offices can be found in the Chelan County Voters' Guide Online. The Washington State General Election Nov. 7 Pamphlet which comes in the mail, does not carry local candidate information. The Voters' Guide Online can be found at www.co.chelan.wa.us/elections. (er41,42,43)

Senior Center Events & Menus

Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth
Please call 548-6666, 24 hours in advance to reserve a meal.
Meals are served at noon.

November 1, Wednesday: Ham & Navy bean soup, baked squash, pickled beets, cornbread, & dessert.

November 2, Thursday: BBQ chicken, macaroni & cheese, cauliflower & chives, mixed fresh fruit, biscuit, & dessert.

November 3, Friday: Sloppy Joe sandwich, apple & pear salad, coleslaw, & ice cream.

November 6, Monday: Beef roast, potatoes & gravy, peas & carrots, spinach salad, chilled pears, WW bread or roll, & dessert.

November 7, Tuesday: Deli sandwich with ham & cheese, vegetable soup, mixed berries, & dessert.

Event Calendar

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

AA Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Leavenworth Senior Center, 548-4522, 664-6469 or 425-773-7527.

Thursday, 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, Peshastin Light in the Valley Community Church, 8455 Main St. in Peshastin, 548-4522, 664-6469 or 425-773-7527.

Friday, 7 p.m., Women's Alcoholic Anonymous, Leavenworth United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St., 548-6851.

Monday, 6:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous group meets every Monday at the Leavenworth Senior Center.

7 p.m., Al-Anon meeting, Leavenworth United Methodist Church, 548-7939.

City Council Meetings

7 p.m., Leavenworth Planning Commission, City Hall Conference Room, Nathan Pate 548-5275 (1st Wed.)

9 a.m., Leavenworth City Council study session, City Hall, Joel Walinski 548-5275. (2nd Tues.)

3 p.m., Design Review Board, City Hall, Sue Cragun 548-5275 (2nd & 4th Tues.)

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

Community Calendar

Wednesday, October 25

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

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Play and Learn Group, Peshastin Head Start. Cheby Ledesma. 548-7614.

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Children and Youth program, age 4 -12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 548-5292.

Thursday, October 26

No Events Planned.

Friday, October 27

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

Monday, October 30

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, school district office. 548-5885.

Tuesday, October 31

9 a.m., Cascade Medical Board Meeting, Cascade Medical, 548-5815.

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, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wed., 9-2 p.m. with Story Time 10:30 a.m. Closed Monday and weekends. 548-7821.

Upper Valley Museum, Thurs. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
347 Division St., 548-0728. Hours change seasonally.

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 436-1601. (3rd Thurs.)

1 to 4 p.m., Master Gardener Clinic, WSU Chelan/Douglas County Master Gardener Plant Clinic, 1100 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee. 667-6540 (October) 1-4 p.m.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that on November 28, 2017, at 6:45 p.m., a public hearing will be held on the final assessment roll for Local Improvement District No. 24 (the "Final Assessment Roll Hearing") against the property in that district specially benefited thereby, at which hearing all objections filed with the City Clerk to the assessment roll shall be considered.

The Final Assessment Roll Hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Leavenworth in the Council Chambers in the City Hall in Leavenworth, Washington at 6:45 PM, local time, on November 28, 2017. All persons desiring to object to the final assessment roll are notified to file their objections at or prior to the date fixed for the hearing with:

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Post Office Box 287
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Chantell Steiner, **City Clerk**
City of Leavenworth, Washington

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Superior Court of Washington For Chelan County

In the matter of the estate of **Patricia Lee Bryant, Deceased.**
No. 17-4-00296-0
Notice To Creditors
(RCW 11.40.030)

The person 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 her attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first

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Date of First Publication:
October 25, 2017.

Lynn M. Bryant,
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WSBA# 17991
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Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 17-4-00296-0

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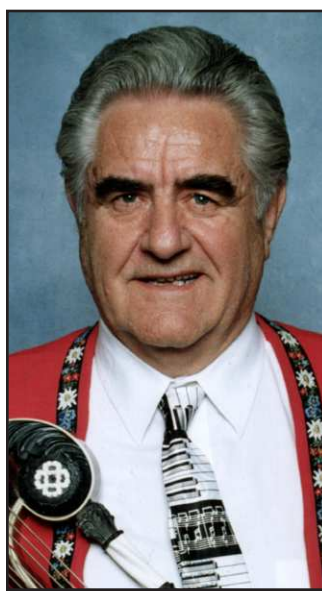
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Emerich Josef Wechselberger

Emerich Josef Wechselberger, age 84 of Las Vegas, Nevada passed away peacefully on April 15, 2017. "Emery" was born in Dornauberg-Ginzling, located in the Zillertal Valley of Tyrol, Austria on Jan. 7, 1933. After completing an apprenticeship program in cabinet making, Emery and his good friend fellow musician Hans Rainer, wanted to see America. Emery said his good-byes, leaving his mother Maria, father Rudolph and three brothers, Manfred, Rudi and Peter behind.

Emery and Hans made the long journey to Vancouver, B.C. There, they worked on a farm for room and board, eventually immigrating to Vancouver B.C. in 1953. With his musical background in singing and playing the guitar, zither and clarinet, he and Hans brought their talents to the local German Club where Emery met his future bride, Gerda. Emery worked in construction building homes while steadily playing the music he loved.



He and Gerda were married in 1959, and soon after their first child Linda was born.

Emery took notice of the real estate development opportunities in Seattle and started his own construction company, "Emery's Construction." As his construction business grew, so did the Wechselberger family; their son Eric was born and less than two years later Roy

made his appearance. Emery and Hans continued playing music, eventually joining the Herbert Marks Edelweiss band. They sang and yodeled in many venues around the Seattle area including Leavenworth, Washington. Emery fell in love with Leavenworth; it reminded him of his hometown in Austria.

Emery saw many opportunities in the small Bavarian Village and purchased one of the last original buildings on Front Street. He moved his family to Leavenworth and renovated the building, opening the Hotel Tyrol and Restaurant. The entire family worked together running the hotel, restaurant and bier garden. Music was a constant in Emery's life. He taught his son's Eric and Roy to play the music he loved on their trumpets. They performed together with his lifelong friends Franz Schauer and Herbert Marks, throughout the U.S., Canada.

With his sons, Emery constructed the Park Haus building at the far end of the

park. He also renovated the old theater, now known as the Show Haus building and helped construct the first public restroom on Front St. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Bavarians and the Rotary Club.

Emery and Gerda decided to retire to the sunny weather of Las Vegas...where every day is a beautiful day, as Emery would say. Gerda passed away in 2001. The love of his life, he missed her dearly until the end of his days. Emery continued to play his zither professionally in Las Vegas. He was also involved with the Knights of Columbus.

Emery is survived by his children Linda Snider, Eric, Roy and grandchildren Evan and Cara Snider, Troy, Luke, Laura and John.

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School Sports

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Cascade football team falls to first place Okanogan, 48-14

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Even with the loss to Okanogan last Friday, the Cascade Kodiaks still have a shot at making the playoffs, but they must beat Chelan in their final game of the regular season.

Cascade is 1-2 in league, Chelan is 0-3, Omak is 1-2. If Cascade wins, they claim the third seed in the Caribou Trail League behind Okanogan and Cashmere. If they lose, it would likely force a three-way tie between Cascade, Chelan and Omak for third place.

Cascade Head Coach Dom Coffin said they pose a threat to Chelan with their speed.

"We just need to cut down the mistakes we're making to give ourselves a chance to win the game and make the playoffs," Coffin said. "We've watched them a lot. They have a big team with a lot of juniors. We just have to control the game and be ready to play. They always get better and better as the season goes along. If they beat us, they can force a three way tie for third. They have a lot riding on the game. They'll be ready

to play."

Last Friday, Cascade hung with Okanogan for three quarters. The unbeaten Bulldogs took the early lead with the touchdown in the first quarter, on a two yard, Julian Cates run. Cascade scored in the first quarter on a 32-yard pass play from Jose Mendoza to Quinn Ashcraft. The extra point was blocked.

Okanogan extended the lead with a 91-yard Cates run, 14-6. Cascade came back with score, once against Mendoza to Ashcraft, this time from 9 yards. The two point conver-

sion was good to tie the score at 14-14.

Cates ran 85-yards for a score to cap the first half scoring. The Bulldogs led 21-14 at half. Early in the third, Okanogan blocked a punt and returned it for a TD, increasing the lead to 28-14.

Okanogan would score three more times in the fourth quarter.

"We came out and played hard. We had them going in the first three quarters. We had punt blocked and returned for a touchdown in the third quarter. That was

the game changer that put us away," Coffin said. "They were really big, physical and fast. They have a really good football team. Nobody has really played them close. They kind of wore us down at the end."

Okanogan had 478 yards of total offense, while Cascade had 335. The Kodiaks ran 20 more plays, 64-44. The Bulldogs averaged 10.9 per play.

Mendoza had a big day, going 21-for-35 for 347 yards for 2 touchdowns and 1 interception. Teague led with only 14 yards rushing. Coffin said there are some areas they

need to improve for the next game.

"The number one thing is the push up front. We had to pass because we could not run the ball. We need to be able to do both. Defensively, it is tackling. Their running backs ran hard and broke a lot of tackles which ended up being big plays," Coffin said.

Cates had 278 yards on 18 carries for Okanogan.

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

Kodiak volleyball team set for rematch with Chelan for league title

By DUNN
EDITOR

The Cascade Kodiak volleyball team is gearing up for the postseason with hopes of challenging for a state title. On Oct. 19, Cascade played at Omak, sweeping the Pioneers in straight sets, 25-16, 25-10, 25-12.

"We are continually im-

proving to keep our in forced errors down. Against Omak, we focused on defensive and faster transition. We are improving our side ratios in transition," said Marni McMahon, Cascade head coach.

Makena Ala'ilima-Daley had 15 kills. Analia Vasquez had 12 kills, 6 aces. Megan Evans had 24 assists and 3 kills. Maddie Schiefelbein had

13 digs, 2 aces.

"Megan Evans did a good job of running the offense. She was able to get Makena and Analia the ball at a faster speed," McMahon said. "Baelee Pearson came in off the bench and did some great things defensively and on the service line."

Daley and Vasquez continue to be versatile hitters.

"They are putting up high hitting percentages and keep the other teams struggling to defend them," McMahon said. "Analia and Makena are also putting up high numbers on the line. They are putting up 90-100 percent serving percentages with multiple aces," McMahon said.

Cascade is 7-0 in Caribou Trail League play, 12-0 overall.

Chelan is 5-1 in league, 10-2 overall. So the Goats could grab a piece of the league title if they win. The Kodiaks swept Chelan in straight sets on Oct. 5 in Leavenworth.

"I hope we are able to serve well. This will be for the league title. If Kodiaks win, they clinch the title and home court advantage for the districts Nov. 2," McMahon said.

"I know Chelan will bring a better game and a big crowd. Our girls have to stay mentally tough and disciplined on our play. We statically didn't play well the last time we played them so I hope we put up better numbers."

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Cascade cross country team set for districts in Wenatchee

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

The Cascade cross country team is in Wenatchee today for the Caribou Trail League District meet today at Walla Walla Point Park. The top two teams, boys and girls, earn a trip to state. As well, the top 14 individual racers, make state.

Last week, Cascade ran their final race of the regular season against the top team in league, Cashmere. The Bulldog boys won 44-19, while the Cashmere girls won 46-17.

"They are a really strong team. We knew they would do well. They have some fast runners. Team-wise, they are going to beat us in this meet," said Dayle Massey, Cascade head coach. "We had a few good runners that can compete with them. We're looking forward to next year with our kids that are not quite there yet, so we can compete. This year, they are definitely the stronger team. We have a really tough league."

Cascade freshman Landon Davies and Zoe McDevitt have a good chance to make state as individual runners.

"Landon is a really good runner. He's only going to get better. He's just a freshman. Zoe McDevitt is only a freshman. Running really strong. She was right there," Massey said. "I think they have a really good shot as individuals. I don't think our teams have a realistic chance. They should make it."

Massey said he hopes his team runs their best race in Wenatchee today. Aside from McDevitt and Davies, there are some other runners who might contend for a state berth.

"Caleb Payne and Gabe Wulfman, if they have really good races, they are right on the cusp. They have a shot. Not a good shot, but definitely a shot. They are training hard to get there," Massey said.

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Photo by Ian Dunn
Cascade freshman Landon Davies has been a top performer for the boys this season. He stands a good shot at making it to state today.

Kodiak girls' soccer team to host district championship game on Saturday

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

The Cascade Kodiak girls' soccer team is ramping up for another shot at the state title. Last week, they played at Omak, winning 10-0. Ashley Parton had 4 goals, Kascia Muscutt and Kolby Hunt had 2, Lauren Richardson and Tori Driscoll had 1 each.

"Ashley had her sights on the Cascade record for goals in a season. With still at least a few games left, it looks likely that she will beat the season goals and the season assists records at Cascade," said Cascade Head Coach Glen Stefanko.

Interestingly, the all time goal scorer at Cascade is Ashley's sister, Mady.

The reserves had a 67 percent finishing rate with 4 goals in only 6 shots, all within in 15 minutes of the second half, Stefanko said.

On a rainy Saturday, Cascade hosted Naches Valley, winning 15-1. Parton and Em-

ily Gaines had 4 goals, Alexa Rodgers had 3, Richardson 2 and Maddie Vandal and Addie Astell each had one.

"Devan Archer had a beautiful diving save on a ball that was travelling into the upper side net to keep Naches at 1 goal. We were able to get all the players on the field and it was a special day as all five seniors had a goal on Senior Day," Stefanko said.

The seniors are Lauren Richardson, Addie Astell, Emily Gaines, Maddie Vandel and Ashley Parton.

Cascade improved to 7-0 in Caribou Trail League play and 14-0-1 overall. The Kodiaks played their final regular season game on Oct. 24 at Chelan. Results were unavailable before press time. The Kodiaks host the District Tournament on Saturday and will host Cashmere at 1 p.m. in the district championship.

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Photo submitted by Geoff Richardson
Cascade senior forward Ashley Parton is on pace to break the school single season record for scoring and assists.

Cascade Scoreboard

CASCADE FOOTBALL	
Oct. 20	Okanogan 48, Cascade 14
UPCOMING GAMES	
Thu, Oct. 26	Cascade at Chelan, 7 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 3	CTL-NEA Crossover Cascade at Newport, if necessary. TBA
CASCADE VOLLEYBALL	
Oct. 19	Cascade 3, Omak 0
UPCOMING GAMES	
Oct. 31-Nov. 2	CTL Championship at Cascade, TBA
Nov. 10-11	State 1A Tournament at Sun Dome, TBA
CASCADE GIRLS SOCCER	
Oct. 19	Cascade 9, Omak 0
Oct. 21	Cascade 15, Naches Valley 1
UPCOMING GAMES	
Sat, Oct. 28	CTL Championship Cashmere at Cascade, 1 p.m.
Nov. 6-18	1A State Tournament, TBA
CASCADE CROSS COUNTRY	
Oct. 17	Enchantment Dual Meet Boys- Cashmere 44, Cascade 19 Girls- Cashmere 46, Cascade 17
UPCOMING MEETS	
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Lundgren vs Wilson: Lundgren feels strongly about maintaining businesses

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"I think that is one way we can limit people purchases second homes for business, because that takes homes out of the inventory that want to live here full time," Lundgren said. "I think the city has made positive strides in that way. I think they are on a good trajectory. It's possible the city can exert their influence to support affordable housing development. Rates are a tough one. Supporting affordable housing and afford-

able services is important to people here."

Lundgren thinks the city needs to look very carefully at the parking. He feels the highest and best use of property downtown may not be parking. He wants to wait and see the results of the recent parking study.

"I think we can improve off site parking with better biking and walking routes to work so that we can encourage our local residents to keep their cars at home," Lundgren said. "We need a more affordable

living situation here, so people don't have to commute from Peshastin or up Blewett or the Chumstick. I don't know if a parking garage is a good long term solution financially for the community. I'm not sure."

Balancing the needs of businesses and residents is of utmost importance, he believes. There is a perception out there that there is a lot of emphasis maintaining tourism and a happy business corridor, but once you get beyond Front Street, city interests wains,

Lundgren said.

He feels strongly about maintaining the businesses.

"I think whether it is perceived or real, the city is going to have to maintain that balance. The residents want to see benefits from these big festivals, like Oktoberfest," Lundgren said. "Nobody is against tourism or Oktoberfest, but they want accountability, if there are three weekends in a row that we want to leave town, how is that benefitting us? We need to have a lot of accountability as a city. I feel

the residents don't know how those profits are divvied up, but the perception is it benefits a few."

He cares about the quality of life here.

"I want Leavenworth to continue to be a wonderful place to raise our families. There's a lot of people here having children or moving here with young families. We're putting our roots down. That demographic is an important voice in the community," Lundgren said. "Unfortunately, many of us are working two full time

jobs. It makes working for the city really challenging.

"The committee meetings are during the workday. That's when the decisions are being made. City Council is passing the resolutions at night, but the decisions have been made before the meeting.

How do we improve the process and transparency to get in on these sessions without missing a day of work?"

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Cascade School Board race pits challenger Ellen Beardsley against incumbent Cindy Puckett

By IAN DUNN EDITOR

The race for Cascade School Board seat number one pits incumbent Cindy Puckett

against challenger Ellen Beardsley. Puckett, 59, has served one four-year term

on the school board. She said she has learned a lot over that time.

"I've learned the processes as far as approving the policy and procedures that run the schools and the administration and how we take care of our kids in the proper way. I've learned what it takes to pass bonds and M&O," Puckett said. "Being out there in the public, asking questions is a big part in passing it. If you can get the answers, people are more understanding and are more apt to vote yes."

Puckett, a lifelong Leavenworth resident, was on the school board when the bond was passed to build the new schools.

"That was a big deal, having our big boards out through town with pictures and descriptions. We had the in-home visits by Bill Molsenbocker. That was a huge aspect to pass that bond. He was in the home answering questions. I do the same thing at the store," Puckett said.

Since passage of the bond, Puckett and her fellow board members have overseen the construction process. She said it has been eye opening to understand the costs involved.

"Being able to approve moving forward with the different bids and seeing the bidding process. I learned how to buy the bonds. It is interesting to follow and learn. It is worth it. We're building something these kids will enjoy for many years, just like the old buildings have been," Puckett said.

Puckett hopes these new schools last a long as the old Osborn School.

"It has lasted 50 or more years. There is generally more money spent in repairs than to build new and have it last longer," Puckett said.

She would like to see more parent involvement in schools. Leading the charge against preventing bullying is also very important.

"The bullying aspect is another issue. I will not back down from that. We don't want kids to be in that posi-

love with the community. Even though we've been here two years, we've been part of the community for longer."

Beardsley has been a corporate attorney for Expedia for the past five years. Her job gives her much flexibility, so she does not have to travel much. Plus, her experience as a corporate attorney gives her great insight in serving on the school board.

As a corporate attorney, one of her responsibilities is corporate governance.

"As a corporate attorney, it is my skill sets, which include being able to talk with a lot of different stakeholders. I've helped large multinational corporations," Beardsley said. "I do acquisitions, employee differences. No matter what the issue that needs to be discussed, there is negotiation, there is understanding of different stakeholders. That's what I do day-in and day-out."

She also helps to implement the laws and regulations that turn into policies and procedures for the business. As a company, she said they are looking to make money, but they're looking to do it in a



Ellen Beardsely

very legal, ethical way.

Beardsley feels that is the same role and responsibilities for the school board.

"We are looking to insure the best education for our children. I think we have a very unique situation in Leavenworth with our teachers, administration and staff. They've either grown up here, moved away and come back or they are transplants because they really want to be here," Beardsley said. "We have teachers, administrators and staff that really want to be here, so I don't think we have any issues with commitment from that group."

As for the school construction, Beardsley feels it has gone well.

"I think with any large construction project, there's going to be things in the plan that are not going to go according to plan. There are the known risks and the unknown risks and you do your best to plan for them," Beardsley said. "There are next phases in building and I'm sure there are things going to come up and we'll deal with it. Overall, I think it is looking great. The town is pretty excited."

As a board member, she said she is not only making sure her daughters are getting the best education, but they also need to look further down. She doesn't see any real issues per say.

"I'm running because I think I can add value to our board. I think the school board has been doing a great job. I commend them for the schools being built. That is wonderful," Beardsley said. "Our children are our future and we need to keep that education ball going from generation to generation, so they are prepared for the changes happening."

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Cindy Puckett

If you can be friends with everyone, you'll have a better outlook on life," Puckett said.

Even though her grandchildren have moved from the district, Puckett said she wants to remain on the school board to see the construction finished. She likes being involved in the decision making.

"I would like to see the faces of the kids and teachers when they move into their new classrooms," Puckett said. "This is something the community can look back and say, I don't mind paying for it because it's bettering the classroom atmosphere."

Ellen Beardsley, 52, moved to Leavenworth two years ago, but her family has been coming to town much longer. She has two children in school, a fifth grader and a sixth grader.

"We first really became part of the community in 2012, when my oldest daughter was cast as Gretl in The Sound of Music," Beardsley said. "We essentially lived here that summer. We lived North Bend. We got to know families here. Isabel (daughter) has been in the Sound of Music as Gretl, Marta and this past summer, Brigita. We instantly fell in

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Ready, set, guests: three paint projects for fall entertaining

(BPT) - "Despite the hectic chaos that comes with the back-to-school season and adapting our family schedules, I find fall to be the perfect time to tackle my home-to-do list," explains Cyndy Aldred, the do-it-yourself paint blogger behind The Creativity Exchange. "It's perfect because fall is our favorite time of year for entertaining!"

With kids in school and summer travels winding down, fall can be the perfect time to complete quick projects to get your home ready for fall social gatherings. Whether you're gearing up for the big game or hosting next month's book club, Aldred offers her favorite paint projects that are sure to wow your guests.

* Add instant curb appeal with painted porch furniture. Aldred loves the tried-and-true trick of painting your front door, but she recommends adding an even bigger pop of color with painted

furniture. For her front-porch makeover, Aldred painted her porch bench using PPG Timeless exterior paint and primer in a soothing, soft grey, Silver Reflection (50BG 54/017), and added decorative pillows to create a warm and welcoming entrance for a gathering of friends. With an open front porch, Aldred made sure to use PPG Timeless paint, available at The Home Depot, because it provides good resistance to chipping or flaking and extreme weather conditions. "I found out that this new line of paint uses UV-Protect Technology, which uses the same technology as automotive paint, so it won't fade in sunlight or dull over time," says Aldred.

* Declutter your home with color

Busy fall schedules often mean more school bags, homework, sports equipment, crafts and holiday decorations around the house. Aldred

recommends quickly tackling a cluttered area of your home with a fresh paint job. For example, if you have bookcases in your family room or glass-faced cabinets in your kitchen, Aldred suggests painting the backs of them in a standout color, like the PPG Timeless 2018 Color of the Year, Deep Onyx (00NN 07/000). "I love this trick because of how the eye is drawn to the color and not the clutter that might be around or behind it," says Aldred.

* Transform your favorite gathering space with a fresh coat of paint

Kitchens, living rooms and dining rooms are often favorite gathering spaces for friends and family in the home, so they are ideal spaces to make a great impression with a fresh coat of paint. "People always gravitate to our dining room when we are entertaining," says Aldred, "so I love to freshen the space

each year with a new paint color. It's one of the least expensive and easiest ways to get a new look, and I love using a one-coat product to make it even easier." Aldred recently used PPG Timeless interior paint and primer in Bluegrass White (30GG 73/048) to update her dining room. For an on-trend look, she went with a flat finish. "Contrary to popular opinion, a flat finish in a high-traffic entertaining space is durable if you select the right product," explains Aldred. With the paint's outstanding washability, scrubability and stain resistance, Aldred was sure it could withstand the wear and tear of countless social gatherings.

Perhaps it is time to embrace fall with a few fresh paint projects to impress your guests and make lasting improvements to your home. For more paint inspiration, visit Diy.PPG.com or www.TheCreativityExchange.com.

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Bringing sustainability home is as easy as ABC

(BPT) - With 67 percent of consumers from across the globe preferring products from sustainable sources, according to a recent Nielsen survey, creating a more sustainable home is the new normal. From buying down and feather products to repairing leaky pipes, making your home more sustainable

is as easy as the ABCs. Here are three small ways you can make a big difference (and spare your wallet) when it comes to the sustainability of our world:

A is for AUDIT

Do a home energy audit by checking your windows and doors for air leakage, and by checking your pipes - faucets, toilet flappers and valves - for any leaks.

Air leakage from windows and doors can impact your home's energy use. The United States Department of Energy claims sealing uncontrolled air leaks will save you 10 to 20 percent on your heating and cooling bills. Check your home for drafty windows and doors and discuss leak prevention options, such as weather strips and caulk, with your local hardware store.

Fixing leaky pipes can prevent gallons of water from being lost every day. In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency states that tightening pipes and repairing leaks can prevent the average household from leaking 10,000 gallons of water per year. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, which can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.

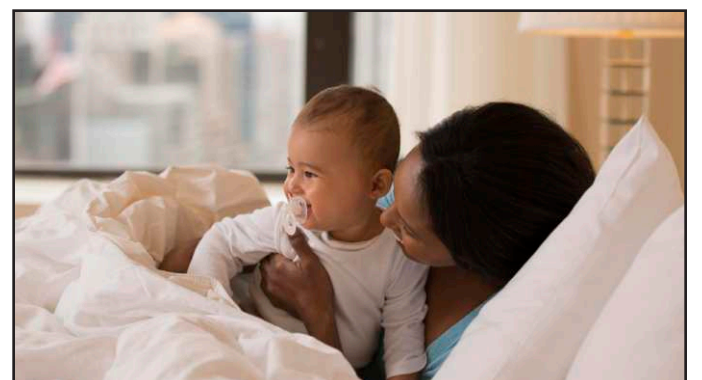
B is for BEDDING

Changing your bedding to down and feather can help reduce your heating bill. Down and feather pillows, comforters, duvets and mattress toppers provide superior warmth, which in turn lets you lower the thermostat. You can save as much as 10 percent on your heating bill, according to the

U.S. Department of Energy, by lowering the thermostat by 10 to 15 degrees while you sleep.

Better yet, down and feathers are a natural byproduct of the food industry. So recycling them into warm comforters means the down and feathers do not end up in our global landfills. Since down and feathers are a natural fill material, they have a lower carbon footprint than products made from synthetic

soil. By composting in your own backyard, nutrients are restored into the ground and less waste ends up in landfills, waterways and water treatment facilities. What's more: landfills cause organic waste to generate greenhouse gases, so methane emissions are greatly reduced when waste is composted. This practice can also help you save money, since it allows you to purchase fewer soil conditioners and bagged manures for your



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fill materials. They are biodegradable and can be composted along with your food scraps or yard trimmings. Not to mention down and feather products are long-lasting with a lightweight feel, so you don't have to replace them as often. For more information about the sustainable benefits of down and feather products, visit the American Down and Feather Council website at www.DownandFeatherCouncil.com.

C is for COMPOST

Composting is the practice of recycling decomposed organic material waste with manure to turn it into rich

property. By using down and feather, a byproduct of the food industry, along with creating your own compost by using vegetable scraps, you can make composting a core part of your lifestyle.

These simple steps make it easy to reduce the carbon footprint of your home, and contribute to the overall sustainability of our Earth. By following the ABCs and making these small changes in your everyday life, not only will you be doing something good for our planet, you'll be helping out your wallet as well!

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Five green lifestyle changes that are positively habit-forming

BPT) - Going green: It's more than an idea - it's a fundamental change you make to support the environment and reduce your carbon footprint. In making this change, you probably started with the small stuff. You turn the lights off when you're not in the room, unplug devices that aren't in use and adjust your thermostat temperature regularly. It's a baseline, and you're off to a great start, but you can do so much more.

Implementing a green approach can seem like a lot of work, and you may be worried

that you won't be able to keep up with everything you want to do. The trick is to look at your green initiatives not as a to-do list but as a new lifestyle. Once you do that, your green efforts will become habits, and you'll forget how you went about your day without them.

To support your new green lifestyle, add these five positive habit-forming strategies.

*** Rent instead of buy.**

Whether you're sprucing up your yard or diving into a home improvement project, there are always machines and tools that you need but simply don't have. Too often that means buying these items, using them once and then stashing them in the garage or basement. Renting helps reduce the energy, pollution and waste that goes into making, storing and maintaining machines and tools. Renting is an easy and cost-effective way to locate just the right equipment - think aerators, chain saws, pressure washers and paint sprayers - while helping the environment. Visit RentalHQ.com to easily find a rental store near you.

*** Remove wasteful water use.** The average American uses between 80 and 100 gallons of water each day, according to the United States Geological Survey. Fortunately, there are a number of water-saving habits you can embrace that will reduce your usage as well as your bill. Avoid running the dishwasher or washing machine until you have a full load. Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth, and take a shower instead of

a bath. Outside, you should avoid watering your lawn as much as possible and if you do, try to do so in the evening when the water can soak into the soil instead of evaporating in the afternoon heat.

*** Start the carpool.** You and your co-workers have talked about this for years, but nothing ever comes of

to stick if you all consistently rely on each other.

*** Adopt green, chemical-free lawn care practices.** Everyone wants a lush, green lawn, and too many people use chemicals, fertilizers and unhealthy products to achieve their dream. Resolve to eliminate lawn care habits that harm Mother Nature, such as

like twigs, branches, fallen leaves and grass clippings into mulch for planting beds.

*** Make your own cleaning chemicals.** Cleaning chemicals are a staple in every home; they're also rarely environmentally friendly. However, you can get the same cleaning benefits without the negative environmental impact by making your own cleaning chemicals from natural sources. Mineral oil and lemon juice combine to make a great furniture polish, just as vinegar and salt can be used to clean copper or brass. For an all-purpose cleaning solution, try liquid soap, baking soda and tap water. Recipes for these solutions and more are found easily online, so browse around and you'll discover the perfect natural solution for your needs.

A green lifestyle doesn't happen overnight, and while you've already set the initial stages in motion, there is more you can do. Adding a few of these green habits will help. Apply the tips offered above and your new green lifestyle will be effective and enjoyable before you know it.



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it because no one wants to take the initiative. Now's the time. Announce that you are starting a carpool - volunteer to drive the first week - and invite your friends to join you. This habit is more likely

chemical dethatchers, fertilizers and weed killers. Instead, rent a dethatching machine and aerator to improve your lawn's health naturally. You can even rent a chipper or grinder to turn yard debris

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Fire away: Enhancing your home's safety with fire extinguishers

(BPT) - You check your alarms regularly and practice your family escape plan - but are you overlooking an essential component of home safety? Having fire extinguishers - and knowing how to use them - is an important part of maintaining a safe home for you and your family.

"In America, a fire starts in a residential home every 86 seconds - and the rapid protection offered by fire extinguishers can make the difference between minor or insignificant damage and greater tragedy," said Tarsila Wey, director of marketing for First Alert, the most trusted brand in home safety. "However, because many Americans have never

activated a traditional fire extinguisher before, many do not understand the essential role that fire extinguishers play in a home safety plan, and lack the confidence and know-how

to use them properly." To help overcome this, follow these tips on fire extinguisher placement and usage to help ensure you and your family are properly prepared in case of emergency:

responsible member of your household (including house sitters and babysitters) knows where each fire extinguisher is placed. The National Fire Protection Association recommends installing fire extinguishers close to room exits so that you are able to discharge it and quickly escape if the fire cannot be controlled.

Know your ABCs: While they may all look similar, fire extinguishers have very specific ratings that indicate what kind of fire they are designed to extinguish. Extinguishers with a Class A rating are able to put out fires caused by wood, paper, trash and other common materials, while Class B rated extinguishers are intended for gasoline and flammable liquids. Class C rated extinguishers are meant for fires caused by electrical equipment, such as frayed cords. For general protection, it's best to select a multirated extinguisher, such as the First Alert Rechargeable Home Fire Extinguisher, that's capable of handling most types of household fires. Beyond the Rechargeable Home Fire Extinguisher, First Alert offers an entire range of extinguishers for home and commercial use.

Know how to use it: Every First Alert fire extinguisher includes instructions on proper usage, but a simple way to remember is with the acronym PASS:

- * Pull the pin on the extinguisher
- * Aim the nozzle low toward the base of the fire
- * Squeeze the trigger
- * Sweep the nozzle from side to side

Frequently repeat the acronym when practicing your family escape plan so that if a fire occurs, the response will be automatic.

Know when to go: Combating small fires with an extinguisher is one component of a fire response plan, but the primary goal should be safe escape. The first step in any scenario should be to call 911. In addition, a fire extinguisher is no substitute for having - and regularly practicing - a home fire escape plan, and ensuring that proper functioning smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are installed throughout the home - one on each level and in every bedroom - to provide early detection. Keep in mind that alarms and fire extinguishers aren't designed to last forever, and must be replaced at least every 10 years.

To learn more about fire safety, visit FirstAlert.com.

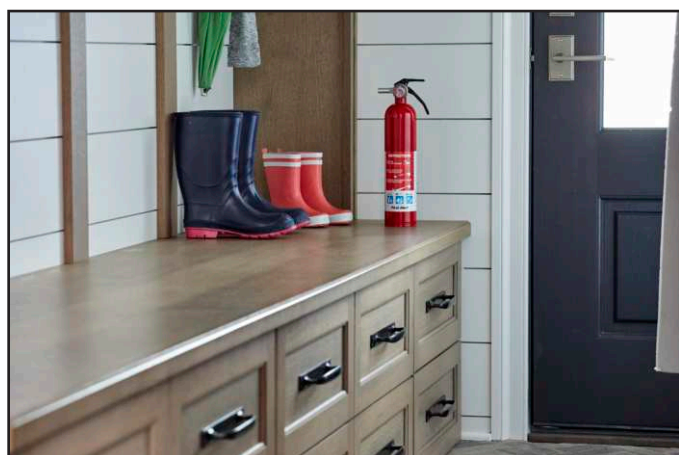


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Compare features: When

commercial grade extinguisher, as well as an easy-to-read color-coded gauge for accurate measurement. Spray times also vary by make and manufacturer, so select extinguishers that perform above the standard and feature longer spray times. Remember, a fire extinguisher that has been discharged is no longer effective, so consider rechargeable extinguishers which can be recharged by a certified professional if the unit is used.

Keep it in reach: If a fire breaks out in the living room but the extinguisher is elsewhere, you may not be able to access it before the fire grows beyond control. When seconds count, having an extinguisher nearby is crucial for rapid response. For this reason, place an extinguisher in each area of the home where a fire could potentially occur, including the kitchen, living room, each bedroom and the garage. In most cases, one extinguisher is likely not enough protection for an entire household. In addition, make sure that every



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selecting a fire extinguisher, two of the most important features are size and intended use. Larger commercial fire extinguishers meant for public spaces may be too heavy or unwieldy for some family members. Select a home fire

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Seven projects to help your home weather the winter safely and efficiently

(BPT) - If chilly temperatures make you want to snuggle under a blanket in front of a roaring fire, just think about your poor water pipes that can't escape the cold. You can't wrap your home in a warm, protective blanket when winter arrives, but a few winterization steps can help ensure your home weathers the winter safely and efficiently.

"Winterizing is definitely an important way to protect a home from the ravages of snow, ice and harsh temperatures, but it's also an opportunity to boost a home's

to improve energy efficiency and prepare your home for winter: Inside

*** Protect pipes** - Any plumbing pipes that run through uninsulated areas such as a crawl space or attic are at risk for freezing if temperatures plummet. Seal any cracks or openings where pipes exit the home, and fit unprotected pipes with pipe sleeves. Insulating pipes can reduce heat loss that makes your water heater work harder and use more energy, and raise the water temperature 2 to 4 degrees

says. Identify places where air leaks occur in your home, and choose the right weather stripping for each area.

*** Caulk around windows and doors** - Air can also leak through minute cracks around windows and doors. Sealing such cracks with caulk further reduces the air leaks that make your furnace work harder and your home feel drafty.

*** Add insulation** - Insulation can make your home stay warmer in winter and cooler in summer, and help your heating and cooling systems work more efficiently. How much insulation your home needs depends on factors such as where you live, how old the home is and how well it was insulated to begin with. If you're unsure how much insulation your home needs, check out the Energy Star insulation guide.

Outside

*** Protect outdoor plumbing** - Whether you have an outdoor shower or a simple hose connection, it's important to protect outdoor plumbing from freezing. Water freezing in outdoor pipes can cause severe damage and costly water leaks. Turn off water flow to outdoor pipes and flush the water from the system. Remove and store garden hoses for the winter. If you spot any cracks or problems, take care of them right away. Finally, add insulation, such as a hose bib cover to outdoor faucets.

*** Prepare the lawn for**

winter - A healthy lawn requires less watering and work in spring than one that's been ravaged by winter's rigors. Keep grass mowed until it stops growing, and rake leaves and grass clippings to maximize sun exposure for grass. Mulch around plants and trees to protect them against harsh weather and freezing temperatures.

*** Clean windows** - Sunlight is a natural, cost-effective way to help keep your home warmer during winter. Opening drapes and blinds can maximize the amount of sun that enters a room and help warm it. However, dirty windows can reduce the amount of sunlight that gets through the glass. Plus, clean windows will help make your home feel brighter and lighter during the darkest days of winter.

For more energy-saving winterization ideas, visit www.lowes.com.



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energy efficiency," says Chris Williams, merchandising director at Lowe's. "Some of the easiest and most effective winterization projects can also contribute to energy savings throughout the year."

Here are seven projects

Fahrenheit, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

*** Add weather stripping to doors and windows** - If your home is drafty, adding weather stripping to seal air leaks can reduce heating bills as much as 20 percent, the DOE

Five aging-in-place bathroom upgrades to make while you're young(er)

(BPT) - Is it ever too early to think about aging in place, and making home improvements that will allow you to remain living in the same house well into your golden years? Homeowners in their 60s and 70s are no longer the only Americans investing thought and money into preparing their homes to meet their needs as they grow older - and that's good news, according to HomeAdvisor's 2016 Aging-in-Place report.

"If homeowners start early, they can spend sufficient time researching and planning to avoid wasted time and suboptimal solutions," Brad Hunter, HomeAdvisor's chief economist, says in the report. "Homeowners can protect, and possibly even raise, resale value of the home by making (it) more appealing to buyers in all age groups with modifications that have broad appeal."

The report notes universal design improvements, such as wider doorways and open floor plans, "can enhance the quality of life in a home even as they make the home safer ... and can be just as beneficial to a homeowner in their 30s or 40s as they are to a homeowner in their 70s or 80s."

Universally beneficial upgrades

Incorporating universal design principles into your home can facilitate aging-in-place goals, while comfortably addressing the diverse needs of all ages and mobility levels using your home. Features like single-story design, bedrooms and bathrooms on the ground floor, daylighting through larger windows and skylights, and wider doors and hallways appeal to users of all ages.

However, if you're considering aging-in-place upgrades, making improvements in the bathroom can deliver the greatest return on your investment. The bathroom is often referred to as the most dangerous room in the home for all ages, but especially for seniors with increased risk of falling in showers or bathtubs, or around the toilet area.

Upgrades to improve a bathroom's usability and safety can help people remain in their homes for longer. Here

are bathroom improvements to consider:

*** Replace a step-in bathtub with a walk-in option** - Falls send thousands of older people to the emergency room each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For those with mobility issues and muscle weakness, lifting their legs to step into or out of a bathtub can be a fall risk. Tub manufacturers offer a range of solutions with walk-in bathtubs designed to provide enjoyable bathing with safer accessibility. For example, the American Standard walk-in bathtub includes an outward opening door for easier access, molded seating for added comfort, and convenient grab bars for security. Plus, it offers a Quick Drain feature that removes water from the tub in less than two minutes, preventing the user from getting chilled sitting in the draining water.

*** Shower seating** - Showers also present a fall risk that affect people of all ages. Adding seating in a shower - whether a removable chair or bench, or built-in options - can allow you to relax in the shower with less fear of falling.

*** Chair-height toilets** - Standard toilets have a bowl height of about 14 to 15 inches. Toilets with higher bowls at 16 1/2 inches, similar to the familiar height of a chair, make it easier for everyone to stand up without a lot of effort. Water-conserving models like the American Standard VorMax high-efficiency Right Height elongated toilet are not only more comfortable, but they also facilitate cleanliness with powerful flushing action and technology that keeps the bowl cleaner. Toilets with built-in bidets are another smart option for those with dexterity and mobility issues, making it easier for them to maintain personal cleanliness without daily bathing.

*** Pedestal sinks** - Standard sinks are about 30 inches high. Installing a higher sink to reduce the amount of bending a user needs to do is another worthwhile bathroom im-

provement. While you can find vanity sinks set at a higher level, pedestal sinks of about 36 inches high have even more advantages. The slimmer, sleeker profile of a pedestal provides more maneuverable floor space for people with mobility issues or those using wheelchairs or walkers. Plus, the reduced footprint makes floor-cleaning easier.

*** Easy-to-use faucets** - Twist faucets can be difficult to manage for people with arthritis or decreased flexibility, as well as for small children just learning to use the facilities. Lever-style or single-handle faucets make controlling the water flow much easier for people of all ages and with varying skill levels.

Universal design home improvements can benefit all ages within your home. Making these upgrades at a younger age can prepare your home to meet your needs in your golden years, while allowing you to enjoy the comforts early on.

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Road salt means safe roads

(BPT) - State and municipal departments of transportation are gearing up their winter maintenance plans to prepare for snow and ice. In addition to plows, road salt is an important tool to keep roads clear. Every year these agencies stockpile sufficient salt to last the winter season and store it in strategically placed barns.

"Snowfighters" (those responsible to clear snow from roadways) are out in force in salt trucks before snow and ice is expected. They pretreat the roads with salt brine, a mix of road salt and water. This brine sticks to the road surface and helps prevent ice from forming in the first place, making winter travel safer. And the safety issue is a substantial one. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation show that there are about 115,000 people injured every year on snowy, slushy or icy pavements and more than 1,600 people killed each year on winter roads.

The good news is that a Marquette University study showed that a good winter maintenance program that uses road salt reduces accidents on winter roads by about 88 percent and can reduce injuries by up to 85 percent.

A key goal for many agencies is tracking their winter maintenance actions in great detail and ensuring that their actions are optimized to meet their goal of safe roads for the driving public. In Idaho, for example, new salt-spreading units allow them to track how much salt they apply to the road, and other sensors allow them to check that the road is responding as expected to

the salt application, and is not getting slippery. This also helps reduce costs. They have seen a 29 percent reduction in annual winter maintenance costs since introducing the new technology.

Maintaining mobility is also a big concern, as people need to get to work or the grocery store and kids need to get

first 25 minutes of winter-maintenance activities, because of the improvements in safety and mobility that the improved road conditions bring about.

Care for the environment is also a key issue in safe and sustainable snowfighting. Several studies have shown that when road salt is properly

Environment Canada found that when best practices, as outlined in Canada's Road Salt Code of Practice, were used, chloride levels were reduced by half. Another study by the Guelph University Research Review found that recycling stormwater runoff could reduce chloride peaks in streams without adversely af-



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to school. Clear roads allow ambulances and other emergency vehicles to perform their life-saving services. A study for the American Highway Users Alliance found that the cost of having roads closed down is substantial - between \$300 million and \$700 million a day for a state in direct and indirect earnings. One study suggested that the costs of maintaining the road system during a winter storm are completely recovered in the

applied at the right time and place to keep roadways safe and passable, environmental impacts can be effectively managed and minimized. Modern roadways are not a natural feature of the environment and are specifically engineered to satisfy our demand for personal and commercial mobility - factors that are basic to the quality of life.

A comprehensive study by environmental researchers at the University of Waterloo and

fecting road safety. In cooperation with the city of Toronto, researchers used the EPA Storm Water Management Model to design computer-controlled stormwater containment systems to serve as a guide for future mitigation applications.

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Six simple steps to avoid distracted driving

(BPT) - Mobile phones have become an essential part of life for most people, helping them stay connected and increase productivity. However, this technology can also be a distraction when driving, which puts everyone on the road at risk.

More than one-quarter of all car crashes involve phone use, both with handsets and hands-free, the National Safety Council reports. Considering many states and countries don't yet compile and report data on cellphone use following a crash, this number is likely much higher.

Distracted driving isn't just an issue for young adults. High technology use means this is a problem across generations. For professionals in particular, the expectation to stay productive and reachable means a constant temptation to use cellphones when driving.

Recognizing the ethical and liability issues that arise when employees drive while distracted, employers across the country have begun implementing distracted-driving policies. Typically, these policies prohibit employees from using mobile phones while driving on company time.

In January 2017, the NSC reported that Cargill was the largest privately held company to prohibit the use of mobile devices, including hands-free technology, while an employee is driving on behalf of the company. Cargill's Chairman and CEO David MacLennan just marked the one-year anniversary of following the policy.

"I had to try the policy myself first," says MacLennan. "Once I knew what it would take to go completely cellphone free in my car, I could then make it work for our entire company."

Based on his experience, MacLennan offers these six simple steps for anyone looking to eliminate distracted driving yet stay productive and responsive to your job.

1. Auto response

Use a free automated response app to let callers know that you're driving and can't take the call. You can personalize the response so incoming calls or texts receive a text message saying you're on the road.

2. DND

If you're driving a vehicle outfitted with communication technology, use its "do not disturb" feature to unplug from calls and texts while behind the wheel.

3. Block drive times

Just as you schedule meetings, use shared calendars to block times you'll be driving. This alerts anyone else connected to your calendar when you'll be out of touch.

4. Out of sight, out of mind

A study by AT&T found that 62 percent of drivers keep their phones within reach in the car. Put yours where you can't see or reach it, such as in the back seat.

5. Pull over

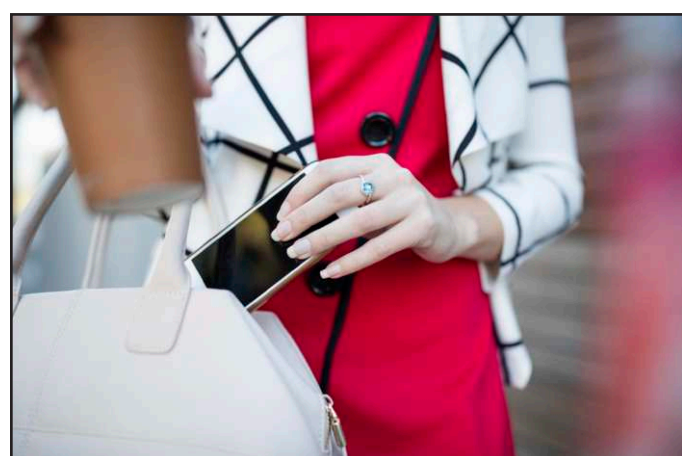
If you must take a call while on the road, let it go to voice-

mail and pull over in a safe location to return the call. Plan pull-over "cellphone stops" along your route if needed.

6. Avoid all distractions

Cellphones aren't the only cause of distracted driving. Eating, grooming and reading are activities people try to tackle while driving. Be smart and simply stay focused on the road.

Driving safely should be everyone's top concern when behind the wheel. These simple steps can make it easier to resist the temptation to pick up the phone or do another activity that can wait until you've arrived, safely, at your destination.



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