

Up to the hour coverage of Swaim murder trial

Swaim murder trial: *Verdict unknown*



Photos by Gary Begin

From left, defendant Bernard Swaim, Prosecutor Doug Shae, Defense Attorney Nick Yedinak, Detective Stephen Goodman.

By GARY BÉGIN
 NCW MEDIA

A 14-person jury was selected Tuesday, August 29 in the first degree murder trial of 60-year-old Bernard Swaim of Sultan. Swaim is alleged to have killed 30-year-old Stephen Smith of Cashmere in 1982. Smith's body has never been recovered.

The jury consists of nine women and five men. At the end of the trial 12 will be deciding Swaim's fate, while two jurors will be selected as alternates in case one or two of the 12 is not available at the expected last day to rule on the case, which as of now is Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Chelan County Superior Court Judge Lesley Allan is hearing the case taking place in Superior Court #1 here. Attorney for the defense is Nick Yedinak. Prosecuting Attorney is Doug Shae. The trial is expected to take six days, lasting until next Wednesday,

because of the Labor Day holiday next Monday, Sept. 4. Nearly a dozen witnesses are expected to take the stand for the prosecution.

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The trial is, in fact, open to the public.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the remainder of the trial will be recounted in the Wednesday, Sept. 13 edition of the Cashmere Valley Record and the Leavenworth Echo.

However subscribers can read about the outcome much sooner by going to the websites of either of the newspapers.

Swaim murder trial 'continued' to Friday

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Yedinak and Shae were both told by Judge Allan to be in the courtroom by 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1 with their witnesses ready for trial. It is still uncertain as of this report if the defense will ask for a mistrial to be declared based on the fact that the public may have perceived that the proceedings were closed to the public and therefore did not enter the courtroom because of the signage on the doors.

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Photo by Gary Begin
 Dentist Dr. Robert Smith identified the tooth as belonging to Stephen Smith.



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Second day of Swaim trial filled with memory lapses

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Yedinak said that first Soles was claiming Swaim killed Smith in a jealous rage and then said it was because of a child custody battle.

Swaim's attorney also pointed out that a welfare check issued to Smith was cashed in August after Smith's disappearance and added, "another person may have seen him in September."

He pointed out to the jury there were no eyewitnesses, no body and no credible witnesses. He ended his opening remark by stating "my client had no motive to kill Smith."

The first witness was Smith's sister Gail Wentworth (nee: Lee) who wasn't able to identify the people in a photo shown to her by Shae saying "it was a long time ago."

Witness two was now-retired Det. Stephen Goodman who also had trouble recalling several facts pertinent to the case and kept referring to a printed copy of a statement he made previously.

Goodman said he didn't take fingerprints and also said he didn't think the photographs came out well. He told the court there were "seven or eight people" at the alleged crime scene and that when he arrived the furniture was already moved out onto the front lawn. He couldn't remember whether or not the furniture was brought back inside to reconstruct the scene and then he took photos or vice versa.

During the entire day's proceedings, Smith's daughter

Crystal Smith, sat quietly in the front row of the public gallery. She was just a toddler when her father disappeared.

Witness number three was Terry Emerson, Smith's foster brother. Emerson accused Soles of "abandoning" Crystal and Smith and then complaining about her requirement for supervised visitations in

the court he didn't like Soles because she manipulated his brother and made him do anything she wanted.

Witness four was the Leavenworth retired dentist, Dr. Robert Smith, who first identified the broken tooth found at the scene, stating that it matched the dental records he had of Smith. He said he had

Stephen Smith, was the next witness. He said Swaim was in city jail with him and said he was looking for a hit man to kill Stephen Smith. He was another witness whose credibility was attacked by Yedinak because Milton claimed at one point to be afraid of Swaim, but yet doesn't remember riding in a car with him. His memory improved when he was prompted by his own written statement given him by Shae. He then said not only was he in a car with Swaim, but that Swaim and Soles threatened him with possible disappearance just as easily as had happened to Smith and then they laughed about it, according to Milton.

Witness number seven was Steve Noyes who admitted to having sex with Soles on two occasions while she was married to Swaim and that her main preoccupation was the child custody battle between her and Stephen Smith. He told the court he didn't know Swaim at the time nor did he know of the Soles/Swaim relationship when he was dating Soles.

Charb Rinker was the eighth witness. Next door neighbor to Smith, Rinker testified he and Smith were drinking buddies and had purchased a "half gallon of alcohol" and spent the morning drinking and smoking pot. Rinker stated that Smith was intoxicated and didn't want him around that night and had asked him to leave the Smith house that afternoon and so he did. He never saw Smith again.

He also told the court that Smith was a good father and that he would never have given Crystal custody to Soles.

Keep reading the Cashmere Valley Record and the Leavenworth Echo for updates on the case.



Photo by Gary Bégin

Craig Milton, a cousin of Stephen Smith, said Swaim was in city jail with him and was looking for a hit man to kill Stephen Smith.

order to see her daughter. Emerson told the court, "She only wanted Crystal back so she wouldn't have to pay child support."

Emerson also said he was the one who found the ax handle, towel and tooth. Yedinak said Emerson had contradicted some parts of his own taped testimony given to Chelan County detectives last March when he said Smith was friends with Swaim and was only afraid of Pork Chop.

Emerson also said that Soles "had a reputation as being untruthful" and had many male friends. He also said Smith had borrowed a shotgun and told him that if anything happened to him "get Pork Chop."

He concluded by telling

seen many broken teeth due to baseball bats and swimming pool accidents.

Debra Wetzel was witness five and her main testimony involved a phone relationship she had with Swaim when she was a secretary for a lawyer Swaim was using. Wetzel said Swaim admitted to her he had been attacked by Smith with a shotgun and that he threw a rock at him and killed him. Even though she said it scared her to hear this, defense attorney Yedinak produced a document which stated Wetzel was willing to be responsible for supervising Swaim if he were released from jail. She also claimed Swaim had told her Smith's body would not be found.

Craig Milton, a cousin of

Construction proceeds on high and elementary schools: planning for PD set

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Even though school is back in session, construction pro-

ceeds at Cascade High School and Alpine Lakes Elementary School. Construction Liaison John Henri briefed the school board at the Aug. 21 meeting.

The floors in the main and auxiliary gyms will be ready by Sept. 8. The roof work is complete on the gym and the locker rooms are ready.

"We wanted to have the main gym and the aux gym ready (for school start), but the floor was not cured out. We chose to extend it out another five days, so there is 10 days for the floor to cure, so we won't have any issues with soft floors," Henri said.

Basketball hoops are set in the gyms. In the old gym, the roof area has been cleaned up and new lights have been installed. The duct work was taken down and put back up, painted all the same color.

The locker rooms have new paint and tile. The main gym has all new lights.

"We took the ceiling down, as you remember. We took everything out above the ceiling, put all new conduit, wire, duct work. Repainted. We found the perimeter was not finished, so we refinished it and painted it. Really looks nice," Henri said. "It's incredible where we took the ceiling out. It gives the whole building a new look, twice as big. New bleachers. The bleachers in the aux gym will follow in the next month or two. No seating in the gym at the moment. We're saving a little on the bleachers by not going through the contractor."

The student parking lot at the high school is ready for students, with the organic material. Henri said they put it down early this year, because last year, the students tracked it into the school.

On the academic and administration wings, they are putting in the perimeter studs, he said.

"They are going to be pouring the slab on the second floor. The roofing will be going on later in October," Henri said. "The commons, kitchen, band room will be going in in Sept. 1 or Oct. 1. We'll be moving full blown to get the construction steel done in the commons area. Once they finish the academic wing, they'll move right into the commons

area." Project completion is September 2019. The building will be ready for students in the fall of 2018. In December of 2019, the buildings will be essentially done, he said. If they don't get the exterior painting done in the summer of 2018, they'll have to do it in 2019.

Alpine Lakes Elementary School

At long last, the U.S. Corps of Engineers have approved the JARPA (Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application) for the project to put the water on the property into a ditch.

"We started this in March 2015. August 2017 and we just got approval that is not a wetland. We can put the water in the ditch into a pipe. We can mitigate for wetlands at the city property on Poplar Street," Henri said.

The wetland mitigation plan is complete. This will be going out to bid on the small works roster for the earth work. That will be done, then a wetlands mitigation company will come do the plants.

"We really want to have that done before the winter. Getting the approval from the Corps just a week ago kind of hurt us. Can't do anything until we had that. When we went to the Poplar site, the issue of Camas root came up and put that on hold," Henri said. "We had go back and do a new study. We went to local folks and get information. The Corps accepted it."

On the building, he said they've completed perimeter studs and window framing. Interior studs have started. As soon as that is done, they can start doing electrical and mechanical in the walls.

Roofing on the multipurpose room has started. Site development is continuing. They've started to put pipe in the ditch to capture the water.

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Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth
 Please call 470-0522, 24 hours in advance to reserve a meal. Meals are served at noon.

September 07, Thursday: Chef salad, roll, cooked carrots, chilled pears, Tapioca.
September 08, Friday: Baked chicken, wild rice, green beans, tossed veggie salad, mixed metons, WW bread or roll, & dessert.
September 11, Monday: Beef stew, Caesar salad, fruit cup, cornbread, & dessert.
September 12, Tuesday: Roast beef & gravy, mashed potatoes, roasted carrots, pea salad, Waldorf salad, WW bread or roll, & dessert.
September 13, Wednesday: Stuffed cabbage, boiled potatoes, Italian vegetables, WW bread, berry cobbler.

Event Calendar
 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 a.m., **Gentle Exercise**
 2nd 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**
 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, September 06
8:30 a.m., Aerobics, Plain Community Church, \$1 fee Mon./Wed./Fri. 763-3621.
8:30 a.m., Prostate Cancer Awareness & Support Group meets at Kristall's. 206-321-1077 2nd Wed of every month.
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Play and Learn Group, Peshastin Head Start. Cheby Ledesma. 548-7614.
5:45 p.m., Autumn Leaf Festival Board Meeting. Icicle Inn Resort Wenatchee room, 505 Hwy 2, Bill Forhan 670-1837.
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Children and Youth program, age 4 -12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 548-5292.

Thursday, September 07
8 a.m., Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, Kristall's Restaurant, Paula Helsel, president. 548-5807. Everyone is invited to attend as a guest.
6:30 p.m., Leavenworth Lions Club, Kristall's Restaurant, Joyce Stevens (509) 670-7527

Friday, September 08
11:45 a.m., Leavenworth Rotary Club, Kristall's, John Fishburne, 509-679-2080.

Monday, September 11
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.
7 p.m., Cascade School Board, school district office. 548-5885.

Tuesday, September 12
8 a.m., I.P.I.D. Meeting, Anthony "Toni" Jantzer - 782-2561, Wescott Dr. Cashmere.
Noon, Upper Valley Women's Bible Study at King Ludwig's, Dolores Hall, 548-7803.
Noon, Leavenworth People with Parkinson's Disease Support Group. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 10170 Titus Road at 11:00 a.m., contact Katherine Degel, (206) 356-4288 or Judi Little. (425) 870-2089.
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. - 6 p.m.; Wed. 9 a.m.-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.
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 (now to October) 1-4 p.m.
Some meetings or events may be rescheduled. Please check with the organization about the time.

Leavenworth

Leavenworth Women's Exchange
 The Leavenworth Women's Exchange will resume monthly luncheon meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at noon at Visconti's of Leavenworth, 636 Front Street. The cost is \$15 per person for members and \$17 for non-members. Beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity are included. Brandon Littrell and Rob Sorensen of One-Way Construction will present a program titled "Shipping Container Home Construction." For information and reservations, contact Claire Burlingame at 548-7142 by Saturday, Sept. 9. (e34,35,36)

Free chronic condition workshop
 Learn how to manage your chronic condition with a free, six-week workshop offered at Cascade Medical, Sept. 20-Oct. 25. The series is designed for anyone diagnosed with a chronic disease, such as asthma, cancer, chronic pain, arthritis and heart disease. Topics include medication safety, isolation, fatigue, poor sleep and safe exercise. Space is limited to 16, registration is required. Classes will be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Caregivers are welcome. Twelve continuing education credits are available. To register, contact Jolyn Hull at (800) 782-3204 or jolynh@communitychoice. (e35,36)

Leavenworth Parkinson's support group
 The Leavenworth Parkinson's support group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 10170 Titus Road in Leavenworth. For more information, please contact Katherine Degel at 206-356-4288 or Judi Little at 425-870-2089. (e35,36)

All school reunion

Any Leavenworth High School graduates and their spouses are welcome to the LHS Picnic Lunch 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 in Wenatchee at the Walla Walla Park, number 2 shelter. Bring a dish to share, utensils provided, (e35,36)

Gender Odyssey, best-selling thriller, with authors Frankel and O'Brien

Two bestselling, award-winning authors! Laurie Frankel's third acclaimed novel is about gender transformation about how children change, then change the world. "It's brilliant. It's bold. And it's time," says Elizabeth George. New York Times bestselling Kevin O'Brien is the author of 18 internationally-published thrillers. "If Alfred Hitchcock were alive today and writing novels, his name would be Kevin O'Brien," says Press & Guide. Friday Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Library. Free. Call 548-7923. (e35,36)

Leavenworth Lions Club Community Breakfast

The Leavenworth Lions Club is holding a community breakfast this Saturday, Sept. 9, 7 to 11 a.m., in the Lions Club Park. All-You-Can-Eat pancakes, eggs cooked to

order, sausage, coffee, tea, and milk for only \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 4-10, free for children under 4. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast and visit with your local community members. Purchase a Punch Card for \$39 from any Lion member or at the breakfasts. It is good for six adult breakfasts. Free parking for breakfast is next door at the City Hall lot. For more information. Joyce Stevens, 670-7527. (e36)

Cascade School District Child Find

Do you have concerns about your child's development? Child Find screenings are for children under the age of 21 who may have speech, gross motor, fine motor, health, or developmental concerns, who are not already enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school. To schedule a screening, please call 548-4004 or email mcagle@cascadesd.org. to make an appointment for Wednesday, Sept. 6 (Spanish language) or Thursday, Sept. 7 (English language). Please help spread the word to any families who might benefit from this free screening. You can refer a child to us with complete confidentiality. (e35,36)

Grange seeks vendors for Autumn Leaf Bazaar

The Chumstick Grange is seeking arts and crafts vendors for its annual Autumn Leaf Bazaar. The Bazaar will take place during the Autumn Leaf Festival on Sept. 22,23,24 and also on Sept. 29,30, and Oct. 1. The location is 621 Front St. at the Grange Hall. For information, 548-7853 or 433-1192. (e36,37)

Veteran Service Officer availability

Join the Chelan County Veteran's Service Officer, WorkSource, and SSVF representatives for coffee and organizational information the first Friday of the month in Leavenworth at Kristall's Restaurant and Lounge from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and if you are a veteran or dependent and are seeking employment, homeless or at risk, want to request a DD214, or talk about potentially filing a VA Disability Claim, join us on these dates for more information. (e36,37)

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends is an organization offering support and information to those who have lost a child. This walk is to honor and remember our children who have died too soon. Next meeting is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Walla Walla Point Park in Wenatchee. Cost is \$20 registration, includes T-shirt, lunch and balloon release. Information, Carol at 509-860-3620. (e35,36)

Piatigorsky Foundation concert

The Wenatchee Valley College Foundation will host a Piatigorsky Foundation concert on Friday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in The Grove Recital Hall, Music and Art Center (MAC). The concert features cellist Evan Drachman and pianist Lisa Bergman. The concert this year is being held in memory of Wilfred Woods. The concert is free and open to the public. Seating is limited to 150. To reserve a seat, call 509-682-6416. (e35,36)

Construction: Local crew removes giant boulder

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Students will move into the new school in September 2018.

Giant Boulder

"In the driveway at Scamahorn house, when we started to put this water line in, this boulder was in the water line," Henri said. "The contractor needed to get the water line in, so they brought two dozers and just moved it toward the house. We've found the asphalt was actually mounted right on top of the boulder. As soon I heard about it, I called the city and said you have one hell of a boulder in the right of way."

Henri said they've found three boulders in the right of way. Since the school district is putting in the water line, they had to move the boulder first.

"If the city comes back with a contractor next summer, they would have a hell of a time getting that out, whereas it is easy to get out now," Henri said. "The boulder is as wide as a two car garage. The plan is have Rayfield do it. They have a method where they drill it, then split it with hydraulic splitter. We're going to try that. They are pretty confident they can do it."

Peshastin Dryden Elementary School Schematic design for PD was done last summer. Henri said it was shelved when they went through the rebidding process with the other

schools. It was revisited this summer. They went through some value engineering items to reduce cost.

"We went right into design and development. We've had two design and development meetings. Our costs were still high, so we did some more value engineering. They put together alternates in the bid, so if we don't have enough money, we'll take an alternate," he said.

The budget for PD has a pretty large contingency, 7 percent. At Alpine Lakes, it was 5-to-6 percent. "In the budget, we not only have current pricing, but also a pretty good contingency for this stage," he said. "We expect the design to be complete before December. More likely, in November. We hope to bid this in late winter, so we have a contractor on board in April. Construction in the summer of 2018. In 2019, they should be moving into the school."

The tennis courts at Osborn School property are done. Dirt has been stockpiled for construction of the Pine Street athletic fields. The soil will be used for the embankment to extend the fields. "The topographic surveys should be done by the end of this month. We hope to take all that soil leveled off and impacted. We hope to have that done late in September or October," Henri said. "The thing holding that off more than anything is, right now we're not sure if we're going to make it a change order to

the existing contract of Fowler or Hurst. We may want to bid that so we get a good competitive price."

Henri said they don't want the field to interfere with what is being done on the site. "We want the site work done before this gets started. The main two processes, the pond we talked about, the swale to the pond, the ditch, which should all be going in during the months of August and September," Henri said. "Once they are out of that area, the next contractor can come do the work, if we have a separate contractor. Landscaping for the fields would probably be done next spring."

Superintendent Bill Motesbocker said they are applying for a \$100,000 grant from the NFL.

"There are a couple things you need to do to qualify for it. You need to be in one of the NFL regions that are being marketed. The entire state and the Seahawks are on the list," Motesbocker said. "We also have to do at least 1-to-1 match. The more match you have, the more chance you have of getting the project. We'll probably have a 3-to-1 match instead of a 1-to-1 match. That could pretty much pay for all the irrigation and all the sod, so we don't have to plant it."

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Filtering for lamprey reveals new view of rivers

SUBMITTED BY JULIA PINNIX

It's not just tubers and paddleboarders out there on our local rivers. Biologists are at work, trying out a new sampling system to reveal the presence of fish species. Low cost, simple, and long-lasting: this is the appeal of a new technique for revealing

from one species to another.

We all shed cells containing our DNA every day: loose hair and bits of skin, for example. Filtering river water captures the shed cells from fish, allowing researchers to see whether certain species are present.

"Aquatic eDNA sampling is a relatively new technique.

angler's waders?

eDNA also can't distinguish between abundance and biomass. "Is the sample from three really big fish, or from 10,000 tiny ones? We can't tell," Ann said. To answer these kinds of questions, it helps to pair eDNA sampling with more traditional fish survey methods, like snorkeling (swimming in the river to identify and count the fish) or using seines or nets to capture them.

But, wait—lamprey? If an image of a bloodsucking parasite comes to mind, you're not wrong. But local lamprey don't feed on blood in our rivers. Young lamprey are like earthworms, rooting through river sediment and consuming bacteria. They may prove valuable in removing excess phosphorous from streams.

Pacific lamprey have disappeared from much of their historic range. This may be a result of dams blocking or delaying the adult spawning migrations. Pacific lamprey are poor swimmers: because they don't have jaws, they use their mouths, or "oral disks," to anchor themselves when swimming in swift currents. Their swimming and attachment style means that Pacific lamprey cannot easily make their way up many fish ladders that were designed for salmon.

What we don't know about lampreys outweighs what we do. It was thought only one species of lamprey (Pacific lamprey or *Entosphenus tridentatus*) was found in the Mid-Columbia region. But juvenile lamprey recently collected by Ralph in the Methow,

And adult Pacific lamprey are a highly valued food for many Native Americans.

There's not much money available for lamprey research. Lamprey are not as charismatic or as economically significant as salmon. But for the Native Americans of the region, they are culturally vital, as well as being an integral part of a fully functional ecosystem.

The MCFWCO first started using eDNA in its research in June 2016, in conjunction with the release of lamprey into the Wenatchee River earlier that spring by Yakama Nation Fisheries (YNF). Ralph Lampman, a Lamprey Research Biologist with YNF, aims to restore lamprey to their native range. Historically, lamprey were found all the way up the Wenatchee River to Lake Wenatchee. However in recent years, Pacific lamprey have been absent from the upper Wenatchee River. Electrofishing surveys by the MCFWCO in 2010, 2012, and 2015 detected no lamprey between Tumwater Dam and Lake Wenatchee.

MCFWCO eDNA surveys in June 2016 did, in fact, detect Pacific lamprey DNA following the YNF releases months earlier. But later results from

after spawning. Lots of genetic material is released. This fall, the MCFWCO will compare electrofishing and eDNA from the same sites to see if the results corroborate one another. Check out their work so far here: www.fws.gov/leavenworthfisheriescomplex/MidColumbiaFWCO/reports.html#lamprey.

What is completely clear is that eDNA is a useful tool that will increasingly help answer questions about lampreys and many other species. The MCFWCO is using eDNA in a collaborative study of bull trout, led by the Rocky Mountain Research Station under the Department of Agriculture. Learn more about that study here: <https://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/science-spotlights/detection-and-range-delineation-bull-trout-using-environmental-dna>.

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A one year old lamprey is tiny.

the presence of lamprey and other hard-to-find fish in our rivers. Katy Pfannenstien of the Mid-Columbia Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office (MCFWCO) described how collecting eDNA works.

One person holds the end of a hose in the river where the sample is being taken. A portable pump draws water up and into a five liter collection container. The water is run through a round filter a little smaller than the size of the mouth of a coffee mug. The filter paper is put into a baggie with desiccant and shipped to the National Genomics Center for Wildlife and Fish Conservation, run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where it is frozen. The lab amplifies the DNA in the sample, tests to see if DNA from the species of interest is present, and sends the results back. The cost is just \$85.

DNA is deoxyribonucleic acid, the code that programs living cells to grow, reproduce, and behave in certain ways. DNA is the blueprint of our selves. And DNA is distinctive

Depending on your questions, it works really well," said Ann Grote of MCFWCO. eDNA sampling is accurate, and time- and cost-effective for looking at species presence. One field crew can collect up to ten samples in one day. The samples can be archived and re-sampled at later dates. And the filters collect everything: while one study might be looking for Pacific lamprey, another researcher might want to check for bull trout; and the same sample can serve both. The data are very shareable, which reduces duplicate effort. A person can check to see if any samples were taken from Icicle Creek, for instance, before going out to collect new samples.

But there are real limitations. eDNA sampling is very powerful at detecting DNA, but it doesn't tell you about the source of that DNA. Is the DNA produced by live fish or dead fish? Did it originate in the study system, or did it come from another water source and "hitchhike" over on a dirty boat or a pair of



Photo submitted by Andrew Thai/USFWS-AmeriCorps
Biologist Katy Pfannenstien access sample sites with an inflatable kayak.

And they're so hard to see, most people have no idea they're even there.

Lamprey typically spend seven years in river sediment. Then, like salmon, they are triggered to migrate to the ocean. They spend a few more years out there, living up to their bloodsucking reputation and getting large and fat. They need the fat to make the return migration, because (again like salmon) they don't eat once they return to freshwater. Since lamprey are poor swimmers, it can take them a year to get back upstream to where they want to spawn. And once more like salmon, once they spawn, they die.

Entiat, and Wenatchee rivers revealed the presence of *Lampetra*, a different genus of lamprey. The MCFWCO is currently partnering with the National Genomics Center for Wildlife and Fish Conservation to develop an eDNA test for *Lampetra* species.

None of these lampreys are closely related to the sea lamprey, *Petromyzon marinus*, that has invaded the Great Lakes. This is the lamprey most Americans know, and they are often aware of its negative impact on fish and fishing in that area. But the lampreys found in Washington State belong here, and in many cases, are beneficial.



Photo submitted by Katy Pfannenstien/USFWS
AmeriCorps contractor Andrew Thai helped the MCFWCO collect eDNA samples.

September after another release in August 2016 were less clear. Perhaps, said Ann, the best samples are obtained after spawning, which is typically a summer event. At that time, lamprey are expelling eggs and sperm, and dying

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Public Recreation Service Area Board ponders future

BY IAN DUNN
EDITOR

The Public Recreation Service Area or PRSA was formed in 1997 with Chelan County, city of Leavenworth, Cascade School District, Chumstick Community Council, Peshast-in Dryden Community Council with idea of forming an entity to manage the pool.

So the PRSA has been around 20 years.

"In 2017, they are getting ready to vote to continue the PRSA or not. Because it is 2017, they are allowed to go one year beyond because they still have some debt

with the pool bond. They are allowed to dissolve after all the debt is paid," said Aaron Simon, PRSA Liaison to the Cascade School District, at the Aug. 21 school board meeting. "The city council and PRSA members have talked about continuing the inter-local agreement, continuing the PRSA. If so, do we want to expand on that? Make it more than the pool."

Simon said they've decided to do some community outreach with all the different organizations in the Leavenworth area, primarily looking at the interest the community has in a community center for

after school programs.

There has been talk about the future of the Osborn School property, developing more parks. Simon said he was tasked to contact all the different rec sports in the Cascade School District area. There are 20.

Adult Basketball, Adult Flag Football, Bavarian Adult Mixed Softball, Cascade Baseball and T-ball, Cascade Youth Wrestling, Foot-sol, indoor soccer, Leavenworth Golf Course, Ski Hill Heritage Foundation-Ice Rink, Ski Hill Junior Ski Team, Leavenworth Soccer Club, Leavenworth Swim Team, Leavenworth Winter Sports

Club, Pickle Ball, Plain Valley Nordic Team, Ultimate Frisbee, Upper Valley Connection, Youth basketball- AAU, Youth basketball-Rec, Youth football, Youth softball for girls.

"The PRSA did some outreach to these groups. About 10 of them actually responded, yes they would be interested in redefining PRSA. The consensus was pretty much, we don't know about it. They want to have more education on the matter," Simon said.

The tax for the pool is 11 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the PRSA, which is a little smaller than the school district. Simon said the

majority of revenue for the PRSA comes from outside the city of Leavenworth.

"The consensus is we absolutely have to have a pool. They don't mind paying that. When we start talking about developing a community center or parks, they're not as keen on that," Simon said. "That is where the outreach/education might need to happen. The idea is the pool needs to stay and even expand on it with a pool cover. They've talked about doing these sails that create shade. Right now, there is no shade there at all."

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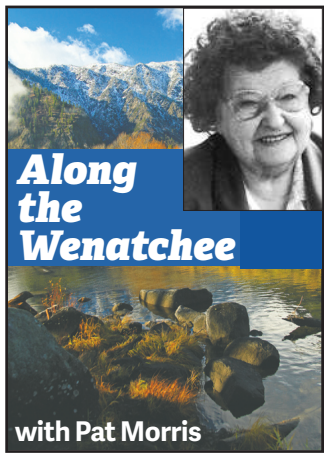
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Rayfield Brothers Excavation removes a large rock in front of the former Scamahorn residence off Pine Street.

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Life & Health

The early Settlement of Chelan County



with Pat Morris

Have you ever wondered how some portions of Chelan County were settled? Perhaps Sunnyslope or Plain? As distant as these two were from each other in horse and buggy days, there was a connection. We've often heard of religious sects fleeing from their homelands in early days because of persecution. These two communities were colonized by descendants of one such group.

In the 18th century many of the Dunkard order (German Baptists) left for America because of the activity of the French ruler, Louis XIV, who desired to establish Catholicism in the southern provinces. Their main strength was at first in Pennsylvania, with many spreading out from there to the Ohio Valley in later times. To keep in touch, the growing numbers held annual conferences. Delegates journeyed to distant places such as California and Washington to attend.

Dissatisfaction with the bitter cold in the Cando, North Dakota, area, where they had settled, brought a party headed by Amos Peters to

Eastern Washington - Spokane, Waterville, even here. Wenatchee Arthur's Gunn invited them to view what is now Chelan County. Affronted by the sagebrush and the huge boulders native to the Columbia at Wenatchee Flats, they were encouraged when they saw farms like those of Phillip Miller's flourishing under irrigation and toured the Wenatchee valley where canals were greening the landscape. The seed was sown for a move here, but the desert-like appearance, the sharply defined canyons and the limited space compared to the vistas of the Great Plains discouraged some and nothing was done.

Gunn, however, later invited the party to return. They were favorably impressed when they saw the crops produced and sampled fruit and melons grown in Wenatchee.

A bit later, in 1902, a small number came to settle here. Divisions of the Sunny Slope land, as it was then known, (the former homestead of Etta Burch) were available. Four purchased land and took options for friends. A second group came within a month. Homes were built. After the bitter winters of North Dakota that year's snow and cold seemed endurable.

In spring with sagebrush cleared, plowing began. "On the old plank sidewalks in the town of Wenatchee men stood and gazed at the moving clouds of dust and sagely remarked that Mr. Gunn ought to be jailed for locating those poor Dunkards on such windswept plains," one of their number later recalled.

Within six months after the first cultivation was undertaken a surprising transformation could be seen. These devout newcomers were known for their attachment to the soil, abstinence where tobacco and liquor were concerned and simplicity of dress. They were consistently good neighbors. Although irrigation water was not available for their crops until July, this area covering a strip two and one-half miles wide and four long, produced more than one hundred wagonloads of melons, plus a vast quantity of corn, potatoes, squash, and other garden truck.

A panorama of nice homes, fenced lands and farm buildings impressed those who saw the settlement. Sunnyslope was a living demonstration to those of their religious order who came later. It was a testimony to what these lands could produce when cleared. The irrigation ditch was a real drawing point as were the school and church of their faith. Soon all plots were sold. A few purchased land in East Wenatchee and near Peshastin.

Seeking just such parties wishing to relocate, the Great Northern railroad arranged for its "Specials" to stay here for several days. In 1907 delegates from a national conference in Los Angeles agreed to look over the new settlements in Chelan County on the way home, often visiting friends at Sunnyslope. "The men are pleasant to meet and give the appearance of simple honesty and devotion to whatever rigid ideals they adopt," wrote one reporter.

A few years later a tremendous quantity of land was put up for sale some dozen miles above Icicle Valley. In logging its upper country holdings, the Lamb-Davis Lumber Company had stripped the trees from hundreds of acres in the Beaver Creek Lake Wenatchee-Chiwawa River valleys. An investment company made up mostly of Wenatchee men saw a good opportunity and secured these acres to offer for sale in twenty and forty acre portions. They called themselves the Wenatchee Park Land Company and arranged to purchase on contract. Amos Peters of the original party locating at Sunnyslope saw these lands ideal for a larger Dunkard settlement and hoped eventually all would be taken up by members of that order. He arranged to become a member of the investment firm.

Settlement in Beaver Valley began in 1912. Very possibly the prospect of lumber sales encouraged old settler W.W. Burgess to start a sawmill, for each newcomer needed building materials.

One of the first projects undertaken by the subdividers was letting a contract for the miles of irrigation canal that was to bring water from the Chiwawa River to the new farms. Twenty-odd families were located on these acres by midsummer 1913. A new post office named Plain had been approved with Marvin Peters an early postmaster. A cutoff road to cross Beaver Creek hill at lower elevation was granted by the county on condition the farm owners do most of the work. By fall 1914,

a new school house that also served as the church had been completed. Mr. Beckwith was hired to teach a seven-month term.

In June 1914, a large party of Dunkards left the train at Leavenworth to view the new

canal construction. Certainly the land taken up was worth a great deal more than was paid for it originally.

There was a sizeable difficulty ahead, however, for three years the real estate market dropped to a dismal



Haying in the early days of the Wenatchee Park farms

settlement. Autos were waiting for these delegates to a Seattle conference. The trip was made in one and one-half hours. The new farms were walked over and attention paid to the irrigation facility, for each owner was promised a miners' inch of water per acre with his purchase.

The local people driving them about were astonished at the changes made in eighteen months. The stumps and brush were cleared. Orchards had been set out on some farms; on others, fields of alfalfa or hay were thriving. A bridge near the Burgess place joined the east and west bank properties. Altogether \$100,000 had been spent on these improvements plus the

low. In July 1916, the Lamb-Davis Lumber Company and its successor brought suit, for no repayment had been made on the contract, not even the interest having been kept up. When a court decree handed down in January 1919 returned the 2,560 acres to the original owners, title to several dozen farms was in doubt. Within a year, arrangement to clear the title was made and sales resumed. The canal was taken over by a group calling themselves the Wenatchee-Chiwawa Irrigation District. They brought the much-needed water to a multitude of farms in the region, renovating the work after the approval of bond sales to fund it in the 1930s.

Q: Are you taking your medications at the best time?

Jenny suffers from Crohn's disease, which gives her cramps and diarrhea. Six months ago her diarrhea got so bad her rheumatologist started her on prednisone. Taking prednisone every day solved her intestinal problems, but at a price: a raging appetite, rapid weight gain, puffy cheeks and sinking self-confidence.

Whenever they tried to decrease her prednisone dose the cramps and bloody diarrhea came roaring back. Finally she'd had enough and insisted her doctor do something. "Get me off the prednisone before I turn into the Incredible Hulk!"

Her doctor agreed. "Let's try it a bit slower this time. First, let's move half of your prednisone dose to the evening."

"But, I'm already taking the prednisone in the evening."

"What? When did you start taking it in the evening?"

"I started out taking it in the morning but it really upset my stomach, so I switched it to dinnertime."

"Hmmm...that could be why we couldn't taper your prednisone down before."

Who knew taking a medicine at a certain time could be so important?

How about you? Are you taking your medicines at the "best" time?

Some medicines should be taken on an empty stomach to help you absorb the dose better, while others are best taken with food to avoid stomach upset. And some medicines are actually more potent when taken at a particular time of day.

Why did Jenny have such trouble tapering her prednisone when she took it in the evening? Your body makes an important hormone called cortisol, which is very similar to prednisone. Cortisol helps you respond to stress and

when you are under stress, like an infection, poor sleep or a serious emotional situation, your body makes more of it. Likewise, your body makes less of it when life is running smoothly. Prednisone works the same as cortisol and when you take it your body doesn't make as much cortisol. This becomes a big problem if you have a life-threatening event like a serious infection because your body cannot make enough cortisol to respond to it. When stopping prednisone it can take weeks to months for your body to recover from its lowered cortisol production.

Taking prednisone in the morning minimizes its impact on your cortisol production, making it easier to taper the dose. After moving her prednisone dose from dinnertime to breakfast Jenny was finally able to taper completely off of it, and now she smiles when she sees the red glowing numbers on her scale each week.

Here are five Tips to Take Medicines at the Best Time:

1. If you are instructed to take a medicine on an empty stomach, you should take it EITHER a minimum of 30 minutes before eating OR 2-3 hours afterward. The thyroid replacement medicine levothyroxine and the stomach acid blocking medicine omeprazole work best if you take them first thing in the morning, about 30 minutes before breakfast. And when taking bone building medicines like alendronate (Fosamax®) or risendronate (Actonel®), even drinking plain coffee can interfere with your body's ability to absorb it.

2. Most medicines should be taken with food so you can avoid suffering from an upset stomach. In clinical

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trials where they keep track of every possible side effect, by far the most common side effect is stomach upset. Many antibiotics can cause nausea, cramps and vomiting if they're all alone in your stomach. Another common medicine taken by diabetics is metformin (Glucophage®), which is notorious for causing nausea and diarrhea. The popular pain medicines naproxen (Aleve®) and ibuprofen (Motrin®) are very irritating to the stomach and can cause stomach pain and bleeding unless they are taken with food or a full glass of water to dilute them.

3. Many cholesterol medicines are actually more potent if you take them late in the day. Medicines like lovastatin (Pravachol®) or simvastatin (Zocor®), which are often called "statins" are an example of this. "Statin" medicines work by blocking the last step needed for your liver to make cholesterol. Because your liver makes most of your cholesterol at night, these medicines may drop your cholesterol further if you take them in the evening or at bedtime.

4. Many "water pills" or "pee pills" should be taking in the morning or no later than 3pm in the afternoon so that you don't have to get up several times a night to urinate. Since you'll urinate a LOT after taking them, many people will hold off taking their "water pill" until after they get back home from doing their morning errands.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy is a 38-year veteran of pharmacology and author of *Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Your questions and comments are always welcome at www.AskDrLouise.com*

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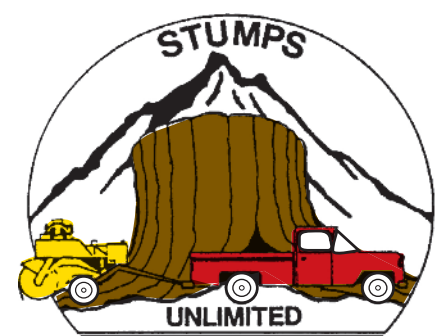
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CASCADE FOOTBALL

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Cascade Football team primed and ready to make a run at the playoffs

BY IAN DUNN
EDITOR

The future is bright for the Cascade Kodiak football team. Last year, the Kodiaks tied with Cashmere and Okanogan for the regular season Caribou Trail League title. Unfortunately, Cascade was the odd team out in the three-game playoff.

Cascade Head Coach Dom Coffin said they are returning a lot of guys.

"We're still a young team with a lot of freshmen and sophomores. Now, they are sophomores and juniors. I think them getting a lot of experience last year is a big help as we transition to this year," Coffin said.

Getting the playoff was a big

step for his young team.

"I think a lot of these kids are angry from last year. We had a good run at the end. We didn't make into the state playoffs. A lot of them were disappointed and excited to make the state playoffs this year," Coffin said.

Cascade returns a bevy of talented skill players including junior running backs Jet Bailey and Jose Valdez. Unfortunately, the speedster Bailey, the team's leading rusher from a year ago, is out after tearing his achilles in state track. He'll be out for the season, but could return come playoff time.

"That was a big hit for us, but we have a lot of other guys that have been stepping up. Wyatt Lambert is playing

fullback right now, but we also have twos and fours moving into the fullback spot as well. It's been fun to see those guys go," Coffin.

Valdez was the second leading rusher and another speedy big play guy. Coffin said they will definitely be leaning on him in Bailey's absence.

"He's going to be taking on a lot more carries. Teague Duncan was a freshman last year. He was starting on both sides of the ball. He ended up getting hurt in the first game, which made him sit out a lot of the season. We really didn't get to see him much. Hopefully, we can keep him at full strength this year and keep him healthy," Coffin said.

Coming back also is senior quarterback Jose Mendoza,

who dazzled with his big play ability.

"We'll try to balance our offense more, throwing the ball. We have some good skill guys at receiver. Anyway to balance will help our young line," Coffin said.

Leading the way last year was a senior dominated offensive line. Only one player returns. Coffin said he has some young guys ready to step up.

"We're going to be a young line with mostly sophomores and juniors. The guys have stepped up. Arthur Drake is our only returning offensive lineman. Hunter Reinhart is a sophomore who will be playing center. He's anchoring the line, doing a great job. They did a great job at camp,"

Coffin said. "I'm sure people will try to blitz a lot and mix it up. We'll see how they hold together."

Defense is going to be a strength, Coffin said. They have a lot of speed and defensive line featuring a lot of big boys.

"They did well at camp putting pressure on quarterbacks. Our DBs is one of our better groups. The linebackers are running sideline to sideline. It's been fun to watch," Coffin said.

As for the league, Coffin expects it to be pretty even again with Okanogan and Cashmere. He felt the league, as a whole, was pretty young last season and not real strong. This season should be much improved.

He likes the schedule, and hopes they can get off to a good start.

"I think we have a pretty good schedule the way it is set up. We're just excited to get going on these non-league games. We had a rough start last year, losing three of five non-league games. I know they're excited to see where things are at and get started with non-league," Coffin said.

Cascade opened the season at East Valley of Yakima. Results were not available before press time. Next up for the Kodiaks, their home opener against Stanfield of Oregon. Last season, Stanfield beat Cascade 43-20.

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Cascade Volleyball team should be a force to reckon with this season

BY IAN DUNN
EDITOR

In her 16 years at the helm, Cascade Head Volleyball Coach Marni McMahon has fielded some strong teams, including a state champion in 2014. They have placed multiple times at state. The Kodiak program is one of the top in the state 1A ranks, public or private.

The 2017 team might be the best ever at Cascade. That is saying something. This team is loaded top to bottom.

"We have a pretty good team coming back. We had a great summer and did some really great things. We've got probably the most athletic team we've ever had here. We've had some fantastic group of girls over the years, really good volleyball players," McMahon said. "Overall, as far as the whole team, this is probably the most skilled group I've ever had."

The front line is tremendous. Returning senior outside hitter, 6-foot-1 McKenna Ala'ilima Daley has a full ride D1 scholarship to Cal State Fullerton. The other OH, Analia Vasquez, is committed to Central Washington University.

There is also 6-foot-1 sophomore Megan Evans, who McMahon said is going to do great things. Ashley Ross is the 6-foot middle.

"Kaitlyn Craig is a middle for us. Super diverse. Natalie Averill is a senior. Savannah Akers is a 6-1 sophomore," McMahon said. "We have three girls above 6-foot-1 and two girls at 6-foot. It's the biggest group we've ever had."

As for the setter, McMahon said Abby Brown and Evans will share the job.

"That was one issue I was concerned about going into this year, losing Sarah Pickel. Abby has really come along. She's doing things I didn't think she'd be doing at this

point," McMahon said. "I'm throwing Megan Evans in there, making her a setter. So we're able to have three hitters up at all times."

The libero spot is still up for grabs, she said.

"We're battling for that right now. We run cauldrons every day. We score everything. The girls are constantly competing in their positions. I've got two liberos right now, Maddie Schiefelbein and Baelee Pearson. They are really neck and neck," McMahon said. "They are both pushing each other so much. It's great to have that competition in the gym. They are looking at the scores and trying to beat each other."

Daley and Vasquez are the captains this year. On offense, McMahon would put them up against the best in the state. The two did some things this summer that you just don't see from players at a school the size of Cascade.

As it stands, there really are not any teams in the league to challenge Cascade. Traditional rival Chelan has some good athletes, and should be competitive. McMahon is looking forward to facing some tough teams on their always challenging non-league schedule.

"The team I'm looking forward to playing is Ellensburg. They're are going to give us a fight. The Sun Dome Tournament. I want to go in there with the intention to win that thing. We're going to see some quality 4A schools, but hope we come out on top," she said.

Last season, Cascade scored some huge wins over some tough teams, finishing 19-2. Going into the state tournament, it seemed they were the team to beat, but ended up with a disappointing sixth place finish.

McMahon said last year is a motivation for her team.



CASCADE VOLLEYBALL

Photo by Ian Dunn

Back row, from left, Natalie Akers, Ashley Ross, Megan Evans, Makena Ala'ilima-Daley, Analia Vasquez, Savannah Akers, Kayla Bittle, Kaitlyn Craig, Dorothy Espinosa. Front row, Abby Brown, Maddie Schiefelbein, Baelee Pearson, Natalie Robles, Shayla Murphy.

"Last year is motivation for them. Unfortunately, we lost Megan right before state, which was a big hit. That was hard to overcome. The team at state did the best they could," McMahon said. "Going back with the intention of bringing back the big trophy. These girls are super hungry. They are hungry for that trophy because they did not like that finish last year. They did not like coming home with sixth place trophy. That's not us."

Sadly, for fans of Kodiak volleyball, McMahon is stepping down at season's end to spend more time with her children.

"I've been very blessed to work with a lot of great teams and coaches and parents. I've had two kids. I spend a lot of time with other people's children, which I love. But my daughter is keeping me busy right now. I'm traveling with her teams. My son coming up,"

McMahon said. "To be honest, I want to be a mom and sit in the stands and not coach for a little bit."

McMahon said she is confident the program will be kept up high. She's going to still be around, teaching, working for GM2, coaching camps around the country. Sure, it is tough to step away.

"It's taken a village to build this. Those coaches have a hand in it. All the players from the past have a hand in it. It's going to be tough to walk away. It will be good for me and good for my daughter, to allow her to be coached by someone else. I'm sure I'll be back in the gym, but I'm ready to spend some time with my kids for awhile," McMahon said.

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Back row, from left, Alondra Acevedo, Julia Armstrong, Leora Aurilio, Katie Boyd, Rory Swaboda, Molly Wisner, Devan Archer, Isabelle Rodriguez, Azana Healy-Pieretti, Celeste Villalobos. Middle row, Tori Driscoll, Josie Brenan, Savana Stefanko, Sarah Butruille, Kascia Muscutt, Kolby Hunt, Stella Johnson, Alondra Barragon, Grace Rodriguez, Alexa Rodgers. Front row, Jessica Avila, Addie Astell, Maddie Vandell, Lauren Richardson, Emily Gaines, Ashley Parton, Rosa Varona.

Cascade girls' soccer team hopes to reach the state final four again

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

It has been a fantastic run for the Cascade Kodiak girls' soccer team. They have made the state semifinals the past two years, but have fallen short of winning a state title. Last season, they were unbeaten heading into the final four, but lost two games.

Cascade Head Coach Glen Stefanko is confident his team can continue their success.

"These are the kind of ladies who set personal goals really high for themselves. I think that has been clearer as time has passed. When you're on the field, you have your personal goals, your team goals and you have your results goals," Stefanko said. "We try to not focus on the results goals. If we take care of the

personal and we take care of the team goals, then typically the results will show. We don't want to be results oriented, because if we're putting everything into it, good things are going to happen."

Stefanko said they have a very service oriented attitude about the program.

"We present that as a healthy way of having a soccer family," Stefanko said. "The older ladies are serving the younger ladies, handing off the baton. Those things and the protocol in the program has set up a successful line of events in the last few years."

The immense popularity of soccer in Leavenworth is showing direct benefit on the Kodiak girls' soccer team. Nearly half the elementary students play soccer. Stefanko said there is no doubt that is

feeding his program. "From the coaches throughout the Leavenworth Soccer Club, the club coaches from OPS and Mike Osborn, Adam Butler. The group backed by Aaron Simon. It is phenomenal. It's actually beyond what I would have dreamed six or seven years ago," Stefanko said. "I knew we needed to fill the gaps and that has happened. The personalities in this valley now, practicing on the field with the younger girls, it is nothing short of exciting. It is fun to see. We have backing. We have coaches. We have training for coaches. We have an unbelievable Leavenworth Soccer Club and an OPS program that is up here as well."

Cascade has a strong core of players coming back including senior captains, Ashley Parton, Emily Gaines, Lau-

ren Richardson and Maddie Vandell.

"Last year, it was almost comical how many freshman we had on the field compared to others. This year, those ladies are sophomores. We've had about an equal number of freshman come in that we lost in seniors," he said. "We have a fairly strong group. We have enough for a JV. Mara (Cunningham) has been doing a fantastic job and she's only been here for a few weeks. It's going to be a fantastic year. We have a good core group but we have some exciting players coming up."

There are some super sophomores coming up including Josie Brennan and Truh Merriman. Merriman is out with severely sprained ankle. Stefanko is anxious to get her back on the pitch.

"She has been doing great. I can't wait to get her on the field. She's playing a different role than in all the club years I've coached her," Stefanko said of Merriman.

There has been an Enloe in goal for the Kodiaks for the past eight years, Stefanko joked. Seriously, Annika and Greta Enloe have held down the goalie spot over the time with great success. Stefanko said Annika Enloe has been helping out his new goalies.

In league, naturally, the Kodiaks are the team to beat.

"That is what the girls have been able to acquire with wins in the past. More importantly, we're pretty head strong about playing it game by game, play by play. If we are able to put those things together and do what we do well and come together as a united team

and as a family. Those aren't just words. The girls take it to heart. That's when we have success," he said.

The biggest mountain to climb is the final four, he said.

"They have it in the sights. We have thought about what a championship game would feel like. We practiced it. We have a lot of work to get there," Stefanko said.

Cascade opened the season with a pair of home game on Sept. 2 against Kings and against Ephrata on Sept. 5. Results were not available before press time.

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CASCADE CROSS COUNTRY

Photo by Ian Dunn

Back row, from left, Luke Hafermann, Gabe Wulfman, Simon Cummings, Skye Campbell, Treat Schubert, Harrison Arnold, Elise Brulotte, Brian James, Clare Nelle, Caleb Payne, Duncan Allen. Middle row, David Bryant, Avery Jacobson, Will Cassayre, Landon Davies, Zoe McDevitt, Gerardo Oyos, Anlyn Flake. Front row, Rylee Jacobson, Bella Gilreath, Colby West, Carmen Herrera, Magali Olguin Ramos, Ashley Stine, Jacky Olguin Ramos, Hannah Durst.

Cascade Cross Country team features some strong younger runners

By IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Gone is record setting runner Erin Mullins, multiple time state champ. She's now running for Boise State. She

was part of a league championship team from last season. But only one girl returns from that group.

"Sarah Paulson is the only returner from our top seven. I guess you could say it is a re-

building year. We have a lot of new girls, some who are pretty fast, so we'll see. I'm hoping to have a pretty strong girls team," Cascade Head Coach Dayle Massey. "It's going to be tough without a guaranteed number one with Erin. We lost other girls too, Kieran Ringel and Brooke McDevitt. But we have some good, new runners. Brook's sister, Zoe McDevitt is pretty fast. She'll be one of the top varsity runners. A few other girls look strong."

Massey said success is related to how much work the team did over the summer.

"A person who really ran a lot over the summer can come in and be a really fast runner.

Effort in the off season really determines how fast they are going to be. It all boils down to how fast they run, but you don't know until you have a race," Massey said.

Developing the racing skills is a big part of the learning curve for young runners.

"You can run a good race or bad race. Even Erin had bad races, where she was a lot slower than she should have been. We do some workouts in practice, where we go hard. We do have to decide varsity before the first race," Massey said. "We have to have some challenge runs so we can see who are the best runners. It constantly changes over the

season."

There are three returners on the boys' side. Gabe Wulfman is the senior captain. Steven Tveten is back. His brother David was a fine runner for the Kodiaks. Unfortunately, the top returner, Eli Fishburne, moved to Spokane.

"He would have been our fastest runner. He might have won league this year," Massey said. "We have Landon Davies, a 9th grader, who went undefeated in 8th grade. He'll look like he might be our strongest runner. There are few others that look fast, so we'll have to see. At this point, I really don't know. We have a lot of new people."

There are 50 kids turning out this season, about the same as last year. Massey thinks the league will be pretty strong.

"For the girls, Cashmere has a lot of returners. Us and Chelan graduated a lot. Omak looks good. Chelan will be good again. On the boys side, Cashmere is strong. Chelan graduated most of their fast runners, but they'll be strong. There's no clear front runner," Massey said.

Cascade opens the season Sept. 9 at the Ellensburg Invite.

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Fri, Sep 15	Heppner (OR)	7:00 PM	Away Morrow Cou
Fri, Sep 22	Sultan	7:00 PM	Away SHS
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Fri, Sep 29	Omak	7:00 PM	Home PD
Fri, Oct 6	Cle Elum	7:00 PM	Home PD
Fri, Oct 13	Cashmere	7:00 PM	Home PD
Fri, Oct 20	Okanogan	7:00 PM	Away OFB
Thu, Oct 26	Chelan	7:00 PM	Away Sargent

2017-18 Cascade Varsity Boys Cross Country Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Sat, Sep 9	Eliensburg Invite		Away
Sat, Sep 23	Bellevue Invitational		Away SammSPk
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Wed, Oct 4	Omak Invite		Away Omak HS
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Sat, Oct 7	Leavenworth Invite		Home LGC
		12:00 PM	Home LGC
Tue, Oct 17	Enchantment Dual		Home LGC
		10:00 AM	Home LGC

2017-18 Cascade Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Tue, Sep 5	Naches Valley	6:30 PM	Away
Thu, Sep 7	Eliensburg	7:00 PM	Away EHS
Sat, Sep 9	Charles Wright Acad.	11:00 AM	Away Chelan Com
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Sat, Sep 16	Connell	1:00 PM	Away
Thu, Sep 21	Okanogan	4:30 PM	Home CCUP
Tue, Sep 26	Cashmere	6:30 PM	Away CSF
Thu, Sep 28	Kiona Benton	4:30 PM	Home CCUP
Sat, Sep 30	Selah	1:00 PM	Away KG Stad
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Thu, Oct 5	Chelan	4:30 PM	Home CCUP
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Cascade School District adjusts to new guidelines on excused/unexcused absences

BY IAN DUNN
EDITOR

Cascade School Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker said the state has come out with more definitions on excused/unexcused absences. Some of the recommendations were already implemented by the district.

As far as the excused absences, it can be authorized by a staff member when affected teachers are notified prior to absence when possible. This deals with a school approved activity or an instructional program that is outside of the school day or in a different location. Those would be approved.

"Any absence that deals with health condition, medical appointment, family emergency, religious purposes, court, judicial proceedings, jury duty, post secondary school apprenticeship program, visitation, scholarship interviews, search and rescue operation and issues directly related to their homeless status. Anything like that would be automatically approved," Motsenbocker said, at the Aug. 21 Cascade School Board meeting.

About 75 percent of those are all new, Motsenbocker said. Parents and guardians are expected to notify the school the morning of the absence, by phone, email or written note to provide an excuse for those absences. If no excuse is provided, the student needs to come to office when they return to school.

Students 18 or over or eman-

ipated by court action can provide a note for themselves. Students 14 years or older can submit notes for medical testing that shall remain confidential. Students 13 years or older may do the same for mental health, drug or alcohol treatment.

"All students have this right for family planning and abortion. That is a state law. They can submit their own excuses. They are confidential and remain that way," Motsenbocker said. "I actually looked at the law. Some of the things we get from WSDA (Washington School Directors Association) are recommendations. That raised my eyebrows, so I looked at that one."

Absences can be approved for parent activities, but approval can be denied if it has serious affects to the student's educational progress.

"If a parent said I want to take my kid out of school for 10 weeks, and there were credits needed to graduate, the principal would probably not approve that. Parents have the right to do what they want to do but they need to know there are some pretty serious consequences," Motsenbocker said.

An elementary student with five or more unexcused absences in a single month or 10 or more in a single year will have a conference scheduled with the parent and student at a reasonably convenient time. That is something new in the law, he said. The conference will be used to identify barriers to the student's regular attendance.

"There are times, when we have middle school students especially when they have a younger sibling at home and there is no day care provided on those days. A lot of times they have their kid stay home with them. The purpose of that meeting may be to help that family find daycare," he said.

Unexcused absence is a student who has failed to attend the majority of hours or periods of the average school day or has failed to comply with the district policy on absences.

"In some schools, if you attend the majority of the class periods of the day, that is considered just fine. I've never worked in one of those districts. You have to be there every class period of every day. That is what is being expected. That is what we do here," Motsenbocker said.

The parent submits an excuse that does not meet the definition of an excused absence. That would be when an unexcused absence would occur, when they submit an excuse that doesn't meet the definition or they fail to submit an excuse at all.

"One of things we have to also, we have to make a phone call home or send an email home or we have to send a letter home anytime a child is not here. Our automatic dialing system does that," he said. "Each unexcused absence will result in a letter or phone call to parents informing them of the consequences of additional unexcused absences. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide this in a language in

which the parent is fluent."

A student's grade will not be affected if no graded activity occurs during the absence. After two unexcused absences within a month, a designated staff member will meet with the parent and apply a new program out there called the Washington Assessment of Risks and Needs of Students or WARNS.

Where appropriate, apply research based interventions consistent with the WARNS program. If the parent does not attend, the staff member and student may hold a conference, however the parent must be notified of the steps being taken to reduce those absences.

With transfer students, the extending districts will provide the receiving district together with a copy of the WARNS assessment and any interventions previously provided to the student and most recent truancy information for that student.

"That is a new requirement. If a student transfer from us to Wenatchee and we've had some trouble with absences and truancy, then all that information and everything we've done has to sent with that packet to them," Motsenbocker said.

No later than a student's fifth unexcused absence in a month, the district will enter into an agreement with the student and parent to improve attendance. Refer the student to a truancy board or juvenile court. Those are things the district already has to do, he said.

"But the change is we have to develop a community truancy board that has to do with people in the community where our kids go to school. It could be anyone in our community. They haven't come up with all the details," Motsenbocker said. "I have been in contact with Chelan County Juvenile Court. They are going to help us develop our truancy board. We'll be doing that shortly. We also have to have a memorandum of understanding with the court."

If the district does a petition to juvenile court, a statement the student has had unexcused absences in the school year has to be made and actions taken by the district have not be substantially successful to reduce the absences, he said.

All sanctions for failure to attend school will be in compliance with the state and district regulations requiring the policy and corrective action.

"It looks like they have given more freedom for excused absences. Giving district more latitude in excused absences. But they've asked us to follow up more closely if there's one or two unexcused absences," said Board President Carrie Sorensen.

Board member Brenda Biebesheimer asked how the district would tell the parents. She didn't believe the parents understood why they need to send a note. Motsenbocker said anytime your child is not in school, parents must send a note explaining why.

"We may need to revise a tiny bit because we did this in

June, but all the administrators shared the same attendance letters and put them into our handbooks. We have the same information in each of our school handbooks that all the kids receive," said PD Principal Emily Ross. "It was before this was revised, but it's close and it is online. That's what we're trying."

All of the absences for her daughter last year, Sorensen said, she assumed were excused.

"As a parent, this seems to be more logical in what parents are assuming. I'm finally, after figuring out the system, I would call and say I realize this is unexcused but this is where she is at and why," Sorensen said. "There was nothing we could do about it. The way it is set up now is how most parents would assume is excused. The parents that do send notes with their kids. It's the ones that don't that are going to have the meetings and conferences."

If your student oversleeps, even if you send a note, a lot of people still get truancy letter, Biebesheimer said. It is still unexcused, Sorensen said, even with a note.

"It depends how many have stacked up. If it was just one in a month, you probably wouldn't have a problem," Motsenbocker said.

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The website above is the one I trust because I know the American Red Cross, have donated blood to them for years and having also received help from them.

I also trust the Salvation Army for some of the same reasons as above. Their website is: The Salvation Army - A Donation Makes a Difference give.salvationarmyusa.org/.

I like to speak from firsthand personal experience when I can and in this case I can. I was an editor for a weekly rag

in Beaumont, Texas about 18 years ago and then I was hired to be a "cops and courts" and "government" reporter for the Pt. Arthur News in Pt. Arthur, Texas.

I can verify without a doubt that both towns are flat as a pancake and it wouldn't take much to cause a flood.

Southeast Texas is basically a coastal piedmont as is much of its Eastern neighbors in the Bayous of Louisiana. Chambers County Texas, celebrates itself as the Alligator Capital of Texas and throws a party to remind folks of that fact every year.

The city of Galveston is basically just a big island and Galveston County is nothing more than a couple more islands added in. I believe part of the Bolivar Peninsula to the north makes up the rest of it.

Folks in North Central Washington are surrounded by beautiful mountains and well behaved rivers and a lake or two here and there, but way down South water has a mind

of its own.

Car ferries are everywhere, bridges abound and many of the Interstates cross bodies of water masquerading as nothing more than causeways built precariously close to the water even on a nice day.

If you are ever down that way, take I-10 from Houston to New Orleans and you'll see exactly what I mean.

Back around the turn of the last century, Galveston barely survived a hurricane that killed 10,000 people and nearly completely destroyed the town. Imagine those kind of numbers today? It would be unthinkable and FEMA, state and county government heads would roll.

The city built a huge 20-foot high seawall in response, but even that isn't enough to block Mother Nature when she's got her dander up.

Hurricane Harvey will be the most expensive natural disaster in U.S. history, AccuWeather said last week, estimating the full cost at

close to \$160 billion. That's more than Katrina and Sandy combined.

Having lived in Houston and Beaumont, I can assure readers here the importance of the oil refinery business in that part of our nation.

Pt. Arthur has a major oil terminal and unknown (to everyday Washingtonians) are other major oil refineries and ports all along that part of the Gulf. Places like League City, La Porte, Texas City, Baytown, Crosby and La Marque are some of the other towns heavily populated by those who supply refined oil (gasoline, kerosene, etc.) to the rest of the country and many other chemical products.

To put the area in another perspective, the infamous, but yet to be built Keystone Pipeline was eventually supposed to end in Pt. Arthur and then be loaded into ships from there.

The area is also home to offshore oil rigs planted all over the Western Gulf of Mexico.

When I wanted to have some fun and drink a few beers, I'd go to Galveston and take a deep sea eight-hour fishing cruise, which inevitably ended up at one of these rigs because that's where the big fish congregated, treating it as if they were coral reefs.

Red Snapper, Grouper, Spanish Mackerel and Black-tipped shark were plentiful and great on the "barbee."

Back to reality. Please donate generously to the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, but don't fall for phone or mail scams operated by the worst of humanity trying to take advantage of the best of us who just want to help our neighbors in need.

If you don't trust the internet, you can physically go to the local American Red Cross or Salvation Army offices in your town and personally hand them a check.

They are both verifiable non-profits so make sure you get a receipt for tax purposes. There is one more organiza-

tion taking the lead in these massive relief efforts in the wake of Harvey and that is Americares.org. "Americares is a non-profit disaster relief and global health organization providing immediate response to emergency medical needs and supporting long-term health care initiatives for people in the United States and around the world," according to its website.

The only reason I haven't mentioned it earlier is that I have no personal experience with that particular organization.

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Leavenworth

- Monday, Aug. 28 08:26 Vehicle prowling reported at 251 Cherry St. 12:25 Property issue reported at Hampton Inn. 13:34 Agency assist requested at US2, MP96. 13:40 Unknown accident reported at US2 & Front St. 13:58 Welfare check requested at 330 Prospect St. 14:38 Agency assist requested at 220 US2. 15:03 Hazard reported at Icicle Rd. MP1. 15:07 Harass/threats reported at Leavenworth. 16:27 Assault reported at 330 Prospect St. 16:54 911 call reported at 5858 Mountain Lane Rd. 18:03 Agency assist requested at 11007 US2. 20:21 Domestic disturbance reported at Blackbird Lodge. 20:31 Suspicious activity reported at Lake Valhalla. Tuesday, Aug. 29 00:10 911 call reported at Enzian Inn. 00:11 Trespass reported at Icicle 76. 00:11 Public assist requested at 16400 Cedar Brae Rd. 03:43 Animal problem reported at 1441 Eagle Creek Rd. 09:06 Non injury accident reported at Chumstick Hwy. & Clark Cyn. 09:15 Agency assist requested at

- 20303 Beaver Valley Rd. 12:41 Traffic offense reported at 12065 Chumstick Hwy. 13:24 Water rescue reported at 157 River Valley Ln. Plain. 13:27 CPS/APS referral reported for a homeless issue. 14:34 Suspicious activity reported at Safeway. 17:35 Public assist requested at 13647 Chumstick Hwy. 18:08 Animal problem reported at 923 Commercial St. 18:56 Welfare check requested at Kristalls. 21:09 Attempt to locate/contact person at Enchantments. Wednesday, Aug. 30 07:14 Suspicious activity reported at 8734 School St. Dryden. 08:23 Parking/abandoned vehicle reported at 408 Ash St. 08:23 Hazard reported at Evans St. 11:44 Agency assist requested at Blackbird Island. 12:48 Fraud/forgery reported at 225 West St. 13:03 911 call reported from 161 Birch St. 13:32 Agency assist requested at US2, MP104. 14:01 Harass/threats reported at 14865 Chumstick Hwy. 14:58 Alarm reported at 17095 Mule Tail Flats Rd. 15:36 Welfare check requested at 22126 Appaloosa Ln. Plain. 17:06 Hazard reported at 2685 Cedar Crst. Lake Wenatchee.

- 18:06 Domestic disturbance reported at 9027 E. Leavenworth Rd. 18:50 Animal problem reported at Starbucks. 19:02 Prowler reported at 2108 Chiwawa Loop Rd. 20:34 Traffic offense reported at Titus Rd. 20:40 Traffic offense reported at CM. 22:08 Domestic disturbance reported at Rivers Edge Lodge. 23:10 Public assist requested at 7530 Saunders Rd. Thursday, Aug. 31 05:43 Alarm reported at Big Y Cafe. 08:31 Search and rescue reported at Mt. Stuart. 08:47 Suspicious activity reported at 9090 Deadman Hill Rd. Dryden. 11:09 Welfare check requested at 10415 Titus Rd. 12:01 Scam reported at 8580 Dempsey Rd. 14:34 Agency assist requested at 10280 US2. Rivers Edge Lodge. 15:57 Burglary reported at 6145 US97. Peshastin. 19:04 Search and rescue reported at Spider Meadow. 20:00 Non injury accident reported at Camas Creek Rd. 20:38 Search and rescue reported at Colchuck Lake. 21:08 Injury accident reported at US97, MP164. 22:57 Domestic disturbance reported at Best Western Icicle Inn.

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