



Two Candidates Vie for Sheriff's Seat

By MEGAN SOKOL

Staff Writer

Current Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett is coveting his seat for a fourth term. With \$30,350.31 already spent for his campaign, signs all over Chelan County, and seemingly no opponent running against him, Burnett was confident that he would win. However, a last-minute campaign filing from Deputy Mike Morrison just made the election more captivating.

Sheriff Brian Burnett has served as Chelan County's Sheriff since 2014 and has worked in law enforcement since 1997. He has worked as a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Lake Chelan School District, as Custody Deputy for the Chelan County Regional Jail, and was the City of Chelan Sergeant Liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the City of Chelan.

For work, he is the Chair for Chelan County Regional Drug Task Force, on the Mass Shooting Committee Work Group, Secretary and Treasurer for (WSSA) Washington, and was formerly the President of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Burnett is involved in multiple community engagements, acting as Interim Chair for the North Central Washington Chaplain Foundation, a board member for Family Lines, involved with Royal Family Kids and Wenatchee Camp #207, and is a member of Grace City Church. He is running as a Republican candidate.

Key Issues that Burnett wishes to continue focusing on is the continuation of the new Behavioral Health Unit, along with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs' (WASP) continued work on combating officer-involved suicides.

"Many staff and the first responders from all over the state of Washington have dealt with PTSD from accumulated stress and trauma. We give our personnel the resources and things to fight that, to put things in their hands so they minimize and fight the stress along the way, so you don't have that acumen to build up.



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Chelan County Deputy Mike Morrison runs against his employer.

Then they can manage that stress and not end up with a mental health crisis of their own."

Burnett also wants to focus on the fentanyl crisis that has escalated in the last few years, while also working on the increase of crime, which he believes is due to the state's recent passing of House Bill 1054, a new law that limits police vehicle pursuits unless they give reasonable cause.

During Burnett's three terms in office, Burnett has had two harassment cases brought against the Sheriff's office. The first civil suit was issued by former Deputy Jennifer Tyler, who alleged that the Sheriff's office fired her in retaliation for testifying against her former employer—she was awarded \$500k from that civil suit and later lost against Burnett in the 2018 Sheriff's election.

The second case involved former Sgt. Marcus "Mike" Harris, who also claimed that he was fired in retaliation and was awarded \$425k.

When asked about these harassment cases, specifically with Harris' case, Burnett said the



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Current Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett.

following:

"We stay up on the best standard practices for training as things come through. We're actually working towards accreditation with WASP right now. But as far as if you go back and look at the history, and this [is] year 12 of [me] being elected sheriff, I've hired 40, probably close to 50, staff during that time.

Outside of people not making probation or not passing their field training program, I've only terminated two people. I don't think there's a history of harassment there. I think in most private businesses, you would see a much larger number of terminations, and in those termination cases, we have multiple advisors and attorneys, from County Administrator to County HR, to the County Attorney, to Washington State County Risk Pool Attorneys, those are people that all look at the cases [on] all of the internal investigations, they look at all of the facts and circumstances.

They weigh in on recommendations on where to move forward. We don't terminate people just by the seat of

our pants and go around and harass people. People have the ability to make allegations and say anything they want out on their own place on social media, in their own private interviews, where the county is bound where we can't comment on it.

All we can do is continue to do what we do and know that we know what the truth is, regardless of what anybody else says. So, if you want to come back and interview the people that actually work here that know the facts, I think that's the testament to what we do, but we can never completely battle what people go out and talk and say false things about the sheriff's office or my administration."

Deputy Mike Morrison is the President of the Deputy Sheriff's Association Union. He is the School Resource Officer (SRO) for Cascade School District and is also the Assistant Coach for Cascade High School's Track and Field team. He has been with the Chelan County Sheriff's Office since March of 2014, transferring from the Omak Police Department and was a former SWAT team member for Okanogan County.

He is currently on the Search and Rescue team, the High Angle Rope Rescue Team, an Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control (EVOC) Instructor, a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) Instructor and a Field Training Officer (FTO) for new deputies.

In his spare time, he is also a member of Grace City Church and like Burnett, is running as a Republican candidate.

Morrison's main motivation for his election campaign is to combat the in-house bullying he has seen within the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. He describes a 50/50 split between the department as described in a recent culture survey.

"We've tried to come up with solutions, but it just seems like the problems are being ignored and that's not going to be very effective. I mean, a house divided cannot stand and if we don't trust one another, it's

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Zachary Miller

Zachary Miller joins the race for Chelan County Commissioner Seat

By MEGAN SOKOL

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During a Town Hall Meeting on May 7, Cascade School Board Director #3 Zach Miller announced his intention to run for Chelan County Commissioner. In this run, Miller wants to stress his need for a balanced approach to politics and his enthusiasm for public service.

"I think public service is different than politics because this isn't about any prestige or power. I just want to go to work for the people of Chelan County."

Miller is known for his work as the Executive Director for Tall Timber, recently ending his tenure on May 1, along with his participation on the Board of Equalization and a Legislative Committee member for the Washington State School Directors Association. He has also been on the board for Upper Valley MEND and the PUD Building Advisory Committee.

He hopes to keep his role on the school board if elected as commissioner and states that he can handle both responsibilities, with the commissioner job being his primary duty. He will also put his masonry business, Miller Stoneworks, on pause if elected.

"[The school board role is] not a full-time role, it's not something that has daily or even weekly commitments. Most of it is done in a very flexible way," Miller explained.

Key issues that Miller wants to focus on include the burgeoning short-term rental crisis in Lake Wenatchee, which currently has 15% of its housing supply belonging to STR owners. He is supportive of the commissioners' new regulations for short-term rentals. Miller is also supportive of high-density housing and believes it is necessary for community development, referencing the impact Sen. Brad Hawkins' affordable housing bill will have on the Chelan County housing crisis.

"I would love to be a part of seeing how that money is going to get divided up and work with the various entities like [Upper Valley] MEND, the housing authority, all those places that are actually going to be building these. But the other part about just availability of housing is we must create more housing stock, there has to be more high-density housing."

He will be running as a Republican alongside opponent Shon Smith. However, he wants to stress that he would be classified as a more moderate Republican and holds the philosophy that the Republican party leads more openly and collaboratively than other parties.

Miller expects the race to bring much more engagement than in previous elections and that it will be a close race come primary time and illustrates his admiration for his opponents for putting themselves out there. He also notes how difficult the race will be for him due to his centrist stance.

"It will be interesting to see because the way that it's laid out is that you have Shon, who's on the more conservative side, you have Anne who's on the more progressive side, and you have me who's more in the middle in the moderate position, which is usually a more difficult position to win from," Miller states. "But that's how I actually feel about it, so it's more important for me that I'm honest, rather than do something to try to get elected."

School Board Meeting Highlights AVID and Discovery School



Marlene Farrell
Correspondent

The May 9 meeting of the Cascade School Board took place at the Discovery School, which is located within the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery facility. Board member Zachary Miller joined via Zoom.

First on the agenda was approval of a Beaver Valley School two-night field trip in early June to the San

Juan Islands, which will include camping, hiking and opportunities to explore beaches and learn about marine life. Principal Kenny Renner-Singer explained this trip has occurred several times pre-COVID, and they are bringing it back.

Dwight Remick, CSD business manager, gave a first of several budget presentations, this one focusing on staffing and the general fund. A few paraeducators were added this year due to need and available funding. The numbers will be adjusted again next year in relation to enrollment and funding. An elementary school bilingual secretary position was added, and it will stay in the budget. There will be an addition next year of an elementary school counselor at

Peshastin Dryden. And in relation to the shifts in number of students at each level, CHS will have two teachers, Teara Dillon and David Harvill, become full-time, rather than sharing time at IRMS. The middle school will have new part-time positions in art and advanced math/STEM.

As for the general fund, Remick explained the ending fund balance will be about \$1.9 million, which is about \$100,000 more than projected, in part due to higher-than-expected enrollment this year. Next year, enrollment is conservatively estimated at 1186 FTE. This reflects how enrollment is swinging upward again from its low in 2020. These numbers yield an expected expenditure of \$22 million, and an

ending fund balance of about \$2.2 million, keeping with a 10% holdover as policy dictates. At the next board meeting, Remick will present the other four funds, i.e. the Capital Fund (including tech and levies), the Debt Service Fund (related to the bonds), the Transportation Fund, primarily used for new school buses, and the ASB fund.

Principal Kenny Renner-Singer gave an update about the district's expanding AVID program, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID has been around for 40 years, and at CSD for nine, thanks to Malia Renner-Singer bringing the concept from Wenatchee High School with her

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Wildfire Season

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA CARRILLO

May is National Wildfire Awareness month. Thinking of this fact is not only sobering but brings with it a sense of urgency to prepare for the upcoming wildfire season.

We have already seen wildfires in California this month with homes lost and lands destroyed as temperatures have begun to rise as drier conditions continue in the West.

Hotter, drier summers and longer

fire seasons, combined with unhealthy forests, have led to increases in fire starts and areas burned in Washington according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). As we know, the fires in 2014 and 2015 burned almost 1.5 million acres of public and private forestlands and cost more than \$500 million to suppress. In 2020, the Cold Springs and Pearl Hill fires in Okanogan and Douglas counties were very troubling. In 2021, wildfires continued to impact our region, including Wenatchee's Red Apple Fire



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First wave of Garten Haus Apartment tenants move to the Marriott for renovations



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Garten Haus Apartments currently being renovated by Walker Construction

Part One

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The first wave of Garten Haus residents will be relocated to the Marriott Hotel in Wenatchee on June 9, as the Chelan County Housing Authority and the City of Wenatchee (CCWHA) and Walker Construction work on remodeling the 32 existing units and adding eight additional units for low-income housing.

The project includes the installation of new kitchen cabinets and flooring, along with remodeled bathrooms. They have already finished renovating the outdoor patios and decks, as well as installing new windows and doors.

CCWHA bought Garten Haus back in 1998. Construction work began shortly after the CCWHA finalized their contract with them on May 25, 2021. Walker Construction received \$7,147,586 for the Garten Haus project.

According to a public hearing notice from Feb. 10, 2021, the total project cost was originally estimated to be \$13,743,117, with \$8 million in bonds. The project was initially

set to be finished by June 1, 2022. However, issues with the COVID-19 pandemic, the construction strike, and the cement strike have delayed the project. Now the project is expected to be finished by September of 2022.

Since the beginning of this project, tenants have remarked on the rapid decline in communication from Housing Authority representatives. Shawnee McCarty is a tenant of Garten Haus Apartments who states that there has been “misinformation on the process years before [construction] started. This does not include the impact of COVID-19, the statewide construction strike, and the cement strike.”

Due to multiple distressed calls from tenants regarding fire exit accessibility during construction, Leavenworth Fire Chief Dave Nalle and City of Leavenworth Building Official Mark Barnes conducted a code inspection on Garten Haus Apartments back in March of 2022.

On March 9, 2022, both Barnes and Nalle threatened to issue a Notice and Order if the Housing Authority decided to go forward with eliminating a side exit or main accessible

egress between occupants and the construction zone. This proposed elimination would have broken the International Building Code, International Fire Code, and the Leavenworth Municipal Code.

This inspection is what led the Housing Authority to relocate tenants to the Marriott hotel in Wenatchee, due to the fact that an occupied renovation was no longer safe or viable.

Tenants would be moved in two waves, the first wave of tenants would be relocated on June 9 and return by July 13, 2022. Dates for the second wave have not been confirmed at this time. Daily stipends will be issued for all tenants, which would include extra moving costs and meals. The stipend will be higher for tenants who decide to stay with family rather than the Marriott hotel.

Due to the CCWHA's Relocation Policy, they are required to accommodate for moving costs, moving live-in aids, equipment, and provide meals for those who are unable to cook for themselves. Tenants will leave their belongings in a separate location through the services of Vootbox Inc.

Friend of Children Award



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Melissa Wear-Grimm, on behalf of Cascade Medical, accepted a “Friend of Children” award at the recent North Central Educational Service District (NCESD) Award ceremony. Shown, from left to right are Susan Albert, NCESD board member, Melissa Wear-Grimm, Cascade Medical HR director, Tracey Beckendorf-Edou, Cascade School District (CSD) superintendent, and Michelle Price, NCESD superintendent. The nomination letter praised Cascade Medical for its support of CSD. “From providing advice around infectious diseases to providing testing support to partnering in grant applications to training staff in suicide prevention, Cascade Medical Center has partnered with our district in countless ways. Their staff were in emergency mode themselves, but they were true friends to children in sharing their time, expertise, and thoughtfulness well beyond their walls.”

Cascade Vet Clinic introduces in-house Apprenticeship Training Program

First in the Nation to Combat Low Staffing

By MEGAN SOKOL

Staff Writer

Cascade Veterinary Clinic (CVC) is introducing a new Veterinary Technician Registered Apprenticeship program to address the shortage of licensed vet techs in Chelan County.

“One of the bottlenecks that we have is that nationwide there is this shortage of registered or licensed vet techs or LVTs, [which are] licensed veterinary technicians,” CVC Co-owner Dr. Zack Hambleton explained. “These licensed vet techs are really instrumental in doing our job as veterinarians and seeing patients.” On May 5, the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors voted 5-2 to accept CVC's draft proposal of the program.

Training will be based mainly in Wenatchee but will send prospective vet tech students to their other locations in Leavenworth and East Wenatchee. The new program will also be working in conjunction with the apprenticeship nonprofit Skill

Source.

CVC currently has 15 veterinarians and 80 employees' total. Dr. Hambleton illustrates how difficult it has been for Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVT) to get the training they need.

“To go to a licensed vet tech school, that would involve moving to Yakima, which is the nearest one in our area, and going to a two-year program. There are some online programs as well, but folks who have tried to do these online programs, the attrition rate there is enormous, they're very difficult to get through in just an online only format.”

The proposed apprenticeship program would provide 6,000 hours of paid on-the-job training with a current vet tech, along with 760 hours of supplemental learning that would be provided by WVC, totaling to three years of training within this program. Dr. Hambleton estimated the cost for this program to be an average of \$1200-2000 for the WVC training and will be looking for grants to subsidize the salary for a program administrator.

The main criticism and

drawback to this program is that due to CVC being a private institution, the clinic is unable to provide accreditation from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), which would give vet techs the ability to transfer their license nationwide. However, Dr. Hambleton argues that the demand for LVTs in rural areas is far greater than what can be provided for. “We have the veterinarians who have the skill, the veterinarians who have the desire to teach and because of all our hard work, we are going to have this rigorous oversight through the Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council as well. So, we've been able to counter a lot of the narrative from the WSVMA and from the AVMA that we're not equipped,” Dr. Hambleton states. “We are not trying to usurp AVMA accredited programs, like going to tech school, we are not trying to usurp the online programs. This is just another pathway to credentialism.” CVC hopes to submit a draft of their program to the Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council by July of 2022.

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CASHMERE VALLEY RECORD

Alleged suspect throws bricks at four Upper Valley businesses

By MEGAN SOKOL

Staff Writer

On the early morning of March 27, alleged suspect Donald Jay Stanfield throws a brick through the windows of the 59'er Diner at Cole's Corner, the Howard Johnson Hotel in Leavenworth, and of both Cashmere Valley Banks in Leavenworth and Cashmere. Now Stanfield

may be facing four counts of malicious mischief.

Damages incurred from these events total over \$10k for the replacement of broken windows. Chelan County Chief Chris Foreman reports that the Cashmere Valley Bank in Cashmere was around \$11k alone. The cost of damages for the 59er Diner was around \$6k, approximately \$3k for

the Cashmere Valley Bank in Leavenworth and roughly \$400 for the Howard Johnson hotel.

Stanfield is also suspected to have underlying mental health issues, but specifics on whether that played a role in this case and how that will affect the case is unclear.

This is an ongoing case, so details on the suspect are unclear at this time.

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Kenneth Loren Pulse passed away December 29, 2021, in his home with his family by his side.

Kenny is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Gracie Pulse, his brother Bill Pulse, son Mark Pulse and his wife Fonda, daughter Wendi Seabrook and her husband John. He also leaves behind five grandchildren Justine Pulse, Hillary Pulse, Melina Seabrook, Daken Seabrook, and Nolan Pulse who lovingly called him "Poppy." Also, three bonus grandkids Daniel, Laura, and Annie Smoots. He is preceded in death by his father William Pulse, mother Frankie Pulse/ Brender, and brother Jerry Pulse.

Kenny was born in Leavenworth on January 24, 1943. He grew up and attended school in Leavenworth, graduating from high school in 1962. Not long after that he joined the Air Force in July of 1962. Before being sent overseas, he married his high school sweetheart Gracie Bakke in 1963. He spent four years of service including a tour in North Africa; he was honorably discharged in 1966. While serving his country, he and Gracie started their family. Upon returning home, he began working at ALCOA in 1968. He worked there for 35 years to provide for his family.

After retiring from ALCOA, where he was known as "Parnelli Pulse" due to the speed in which he ran and operated the machinery, he



spent many a day playing golf out at the Leavenworth golf course. He traveled throughout the western states and played at many of the beautiful courses they offer. He even managed to score "three" holes in one throughout his years of playing golf. He was always up for a trip to the racetrack with his son and grandsons to watch the fast cars go around. He also had a little Tasmanian Devil in him as witnessed by his own driving.

His retirement afforded him the time to help care for his mother Frankie till her last days. Kenny "KP" loved his wife and family very much and was always there for them. If you ever needed a ride somewhere or help moving something or any other need, he was willing to help however he could.

A memorial service will be held June 1, 2-5 p.m. at Icicle Village Resort, 505 US-2, Leavenworth, WA. 98826. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

Eight CHS Track and Field Athletes Heading to State



PHOTOS BY KEVIN FARRELL

1. Freshman Caroline Menna won the 3200m women's race, followed by teammate senior Ava Northrup in second.
2. Senior Owen Bard gave two strong performances, winning both the 1600m (with a PR of 4:43.34) and the 3200m men's races.
3. Junior Kaston Dillon won the 400m men's race in 54.12 seconds, over a second faster than the next competitor.
4. Junior Aiden Tuttle won the 800m men's race with a PR of 2:09.09.

Qualifying for the State 1A Championship is a tall order for high school track and field athletes. They must finish first at the district meet in their event. Or, for a few exceptional athletes, they qualify by meeting a rigorous qualifying time, height or distance.



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Head coach Bill Davies was excited going into Districts on May 19th, hosted by Cashmere. "It's a big week for sure," he said. "There are so many amazing kids. We only have a few that have an easy qualification to state, and many others that will need to have a

great day." Eight CHS athletes ended up qualifying at Districts. The state 1A championship is held May 26th to 28th at Eastern Washington University's track. Photos, taken by Kevin Farrell, show the qualifying athletes from events at an earlier home meet. A few athletes that gave notable performances but didn't qualify

include junior Kai Lewman, 2nd in the long jump, freshman Karla Cacho, 2nd in the 300m hurdles with a PR of over two seconds, junior Edie Walker, 2nd in the pole vault with a PR of 8'6", and sophomore Finna Gillikan, 2nd in the high jump. "It's such a joy to be a part of the excitement and success of these wonderful kids," said Davies. "I'm very blessed."

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CHS Soccer Places Top 8 at State



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Kevin Castillo-Herrera takes a free kick against Manson. The Kodiaks went on to win this game (5-0) and secure a spot at state.

The boys soccer team won league and advanced to state where they secured a top eight placement. Heading into state, the Kodiaks were seeded fourth, but players approached the challenge presented by state playoffs with a winning mindset and hoped to take first.

In addition to securing their spot at state when they defeated Manson (5-0), successes of this team include an impressive season record, a coach named Caribou Trail League Coach of the Year, domination of the coveted Caribou Trail League 1st Team Roster, and a senior player who will continue to play at the college level.

The conference record for Kodiak boys soccer boasts seven wins, two ties, and one loss against Quincy, another team headed to state and seeded third.

"For these games, it's one loss and we're out. In the league we played every team twice, so there was always a chance for redemption. These state games are a lot more intense," Vincent Slette said. Vincent Slette, Kodiak defender, has played varsity for the team for three seasons. This was his first attendance at state playoffs. Despite the intensity, Slette believes the team will have success. In preparation they are "coming together as a team so that everyone feels supported."

Captain Kevin Castillo-Herrera described the team

as "a soccer team that wants to win everything, a team that has a lot of chemistry between every single player and [the] coach."

Game one of state playoffs for the boys was against Vashon High School. The boys advanced on after beating the Vashon Pirates (4-0) on Friday night at the Apple Bowl in Wenatchee. The competition continued Saturday when the Kodiaks faced University Prep, a private school based in Seattle. As the final buzzer rang, the score was tied. Fans went wild as the two teams competed via shootouts. In the end, the Kodiaks lost by one point (2-3), but Cascade fans were still triumphant, as the boys placed 5th at state.

This success can largely be attributed to head coach, Jesus Sandoval, whom the boys agree is incredibly deserving of the title Caribou Trail League Coach of the Year title bestowed on him this year. "He's definitely patient. He knows our limits, so he's always pushing us. He's consistent with drills, warm-ups and everything we do. He reminds us regularly that 'how you practice is how you play,'" said defender/midfielder Fernando Tovar. Tovar credits

Sandoval's consistency with the success of the team this year. "We are taking the skills learned during practice and applying them on the field during games," said Tovar.

The respect between players and coaches is mutual. "This has been a great season so far," said Sandoval. "At practices, everyone knows that we need to stay focus[ed] and work hard if we want to continue being successful. We work hard on getting used to different formations and situational play. I expect a lot from each of the players and that is part of the reason we are improving every day at practice."

The team captains, elected by a vote of the players, include seniors Joseph Wall and Edgar Mata and junior Keven Castillo-Herrera. Their leadership has also been instrumental for the team this season. "All three captains are great leaders. They all push us and make sure to hype us up when going out on the field, making sure we give it our all. Them being motivational and really boosting are spirits positively on and off the field has been a key role to our success. They personally influenced me because they are

positive and always help me keep my head high and play hard throughout big games," mentioned sophomore Ryan Denega. Mata is hopeful that as they progress into the post-season they will "perform well. We have been playing together for a while now and understand each other pretty well," said Mata.

Over fifty percent of the 1st Team All-League awards for the Caribou Trail League includes students from Cascade High School. Kevin Castillo, Angel Sandoval, Shane Slette, Edgar Mata, Ryan Denega, Joseph Wall, and Frank Rosario were all honored with this title. "These players motivate us to play better. They help us to increase the intensity of our practices," explained center-midfielder Alonzo Johnson. Johnson credits Mata and Wall with "help[ing] to push the whole team. If anyone shows up to practice with a negative mindset [Mata and Wall] will make sure to turn it into a positive one."

"Honestly, we are lucky to have such a great group of players. The internal competition makes everyone better. All of these guys are key to the success we are

having. This year I have seen a lot of growth [from] Ryan Denega, Joseph Wall, Kevin Castillo, and Angel Sandoval. However, the reason they are being so successful is because they play well as a unit," Sandoval said.

"I think the number one thing leading to the boy's success is their attitude. They are doing a nice job of being confident without being cocky. They come to every game ready to play and have been consistent throughout the year," said CSD Athletic Director Dominique Coffin.

One student who will be continuing his soccer career after high school is senior

Joseph Wall. He recently tried out for and made the team at Wenatchee Valley College. Playing high school soccer at Cascade for the past four years has prepared Joseph for college soccer by "showing that the future will be hard, but if I keep pushing myself, working hard, and believing, I'll get there." During his senior year, Joseph has been playing center back, helping defend the goal against all worthy opponents. Wall has been pushing himself for his future soccer career his entire life, "I'd like to keep playing my hardest, and see where it takes me in the future."

Kodiaks Scoreboard	
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May 20:	Cascade 4, Vashon Island 0; Win
May 21:	Cascade 2, University Prep 3; Loss
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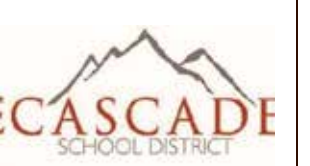
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Taking prednisone for months to years at a time decreases bone density, and smoking cigarettes accelerates bone loss. Menopause triggers a doubling of the rate of bone loss in most women.

How long do you need to take your bone-building medicine? It depends on how thin your bones are and whether you have a history of a fracture due to having thin bones. Bone density is measured using a DXA scan (also called a DEXA). DXA scans measure bone thickness in several critical areas to determine bone mineral density.

During a painless PET scan, two low-dose X-rays penetrate the bones of your pelvis, hip, and lower spine. The results are used to calculate the bone mineral density of each area, with the lower the density, the greater



the risk of fracture. If your bone density is low, you can reduce future bone loss with treatment. You may be at an increased risk of thin bones if you are post-menopausal or have taken certain drugs frequently, particularly prednisone.

About half of repeat fractures related to osteoporosis can be prevented with appropriate treatment.

Bone-building drugs like alendronate (Fosamax®), risedronate (Actonel®), and Boniva® are called bisphosphonates. These powerful medicines have very complicated directions. Most women prefer to take them once a week instead of every day. In addition, these medicines need to be taken with a full glass of water on a completely empty stomach and sitting upright for at least 30 minutes after taking it.

Keeping yourself upright and drinking a full glass of water helps avoid irritating your esophagus. Having an empty stomach is essential because only 2-3% of the medicine in each tablet will get absorbed into your body.

What does get into your bones stays there. These drugs become part of your bone cells and help build bone for you even years after stopping these medications.

Another form of bisphosphonate is a yearly infusion. This is particularly helpful if you cannot take the pill form because of stomach or esophagus problems.

So how long should you take Fosamax® or Actonel®? The answer to that is, "That depends". I suggest you and your doctor make a choice together. Five years of treatment with any bisphosphonate should be long enough if you take it as prevention and have never had a fracture.

Both alendronate (Fosamax®) and risedronate (Actonel®) help prevent hip and vertebral fractures for up to ten years, even after you stop taking them.

When you take a bisphosphonate for longer than five years, there is an increased risk of a dental emergency called osteonecrosis of the jaw.

Besides bisphosphonates, there are other bone-building medications available, including once-monthly injections. Check with your doctor about all of your medication options.

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going to be very difficult for the community to trust us.”
 He also illustrates problems with the department under-delivering services that they were funded to do, specifically with the Traffic Enforcement Unit that is funded by Chelan County Roads.
 “We have continuously missed the mark on what the county roads expects out of us and it’s not because the deputies that are working in that field are not proactive or motivated, but when it first started, you had two deputies that were being funded that weren’t even working the road, they had been reassigned out to training. That’s not what the funds were for,” Morrison explained. “You’re asking the deputies and the other personnel that are left to take up slack for those other people and that’s not realistic.”

Regarding the two harassment suits that were filed against the department, Morrison felt that those instances were due in part to poor management on misconduct procedure, leading to a severe loss in taxpayer dollars from civil suit payouts.
 “Clearly, we’ve jumped ahead of ourselves, and we terminated and/or disciplined people prematurely, and you’re looking at \$500k+ with Jennifer Tyler and \$425,000 here recently with Sergeant Mike Harris. That’s a lot of money taxpayers could have had back [with the department] providing services.”
 Although Morrison is in the awkward spot of running against his current employer, he does illustrate his respect for Burnett and understands if Burnett may have lost sight of the bigger picture, later learning that Burnett was hoping to combat similar

issues when running against incumbent Sheriff Mike Harum.
 “We were making the same statements that there was a divide. There had been unlawful terminations, I believe that was Deputy [Dale] England at the time, it was getting his job back, if I recall correctly. It’s kind of strange to think that Brian is now allowing that same thing to happen that he was so against.”
 Although there are many rumors that Morrison may face retaliation if he does not win the Sheriff’s seat—he later referenced how Jennifer Tyler was terminated shortly after running against Burnett in 2018—he says that those concerns don’t deter him from running.
 “Having friends and family in law enforcement, they said the same thing too, that ‘your agency has a reputation of being retaliatory and you could

probably be facing the same.’ I certainly hope that’s not the case. I do believe that Brian is professional, I do believe that you can keep the campaign civil. And my resume and my background speak for itself.”
 Some key issues Morrison hopes to focus on include the housing crisis within Chelan County, increase staffing within the Special Investigation Unit, battling the opioid epidemic and escalated fentanyl usage, and decrease the rise in burglaries.
 “It seems like we are having people come from outside of the counties to come here and commit crimes and we have to figure out a way to track them better.”
 State primaries will be held on August 2, 2022. To learn more about Chelan County candidates running for the midterm elections of 2022, visit <https://voter.vote.wa.gov/CandidateList.aspx?e=877>.

The Washington Outdoors Report

Catfish and Salmon Fun
 BY JOHN KRUSE

Rufus Catfish Derby
 Rufus may not be in Washington but it’s right across the Columbia River from there and purchasing a one or two-day non-resident fishing license could be worth your while if you want to participate in the annual Rufus Catfish Derby. This year’s event takes place on May 28th and the 29th. The fishing takes place along eight miles of the Lower John Day River and while quite a few boats will be heading upstream to look for catfish, you can also catch them without a boat at Le Page Park, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed property at the mouth of the John Day offering a boat launch, day-use area and a camping area along with an ample amount of accessible shoreline to fish from.
 Prizes will be given to the anglers who catch the three heaviest catfish and the three longest catfish. There will also be a prize for the biggest catfish reeled in by a youth angler ten years of age or under and new this year, a first-place prize for the person who cleans up the most garbage along the shoreline.
 Wendy Boyer is the owner of Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus and has put on this derby for seven years. She says you’ll likely need a 15-pound catfish to be in the winner’s circle for the heaviest fish. As for what to use to catch these channel cats? Wendy says it’s a big secret but admitted



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 Fishing for catfish on the Lower John Day River

hot dogs might be involved. Wendy also said she sells a lot of chicken livers and shrimp for this event every year.
 There are no cash prizes but there are some very valuable gift prizes being given away this year. The actual prizes are a closely guarded secret but in years past outdoors cooking stoves, guided fishing trips and rods and reels have been awarded to the winners.
 The awards ceremony for this event kicks off at 5:30 p.m., in the City Lot in Rufus. Tickets are \$50 which includes a great meal during the awards dinner and the group “Countryfied” will be back again this year providing music during the dinner and beyond. By the way, even if you don’t fish, you can still purchase a derby ticket and attend the dinner, purchase

raffle tickets for additional prizes and enjoy the music. Tickets can be purchased at Gorge Outfitters Supply and you can purchase them prior to or during the days the derby takes place.
Salmon Returns Exceed Expectations
 After several years of poor runs of spring Chinook salmon up the Columbia River anglers and fisheries managers alike are thrilled at this year’s very healthy return. The initial forecast was for just under 123,000 Chinook to come back to the Columbia this spring. However, with almost 124,000 Chinook over Bonneville Dam as of May 18th, fisheries managers have revised the estimated return to 180,000 salmon, marking the best return of springers since 2015 and over 127 percent of the

ten-year average.
 Anglers will get to take advantage of this healthy return with additional fishing days on the Lower Columbia from May 24th through June 15th. Boat anglers can fish from Tongue Point near the mouth of the river up to Beacon Rock while bank anglers can also fish from Beacon Rock to the deadline just below Bonneville Dam. There will also be two bonus days available for anglers above Bonneville Dam, those being May 26th and the 28th from the Tower Island Power Lines below The Dalles upstream to the Washington/Oregon Border for boaters. Bank anglers can fish these days from Bonneville Dam to the Tower Island Power Lines.
 The good news about salmon is not limited to the Columbia River. WDFW biologists say, “A large return of spring Chinook is forecasted to return to the Icicle River this spring.” Because of this the Icicle River is now open from the 800 feet above the mouth to 500 feet below the dam at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. The limit is two hatchery Chinook with a minimum size limit of 12-inches. Traditionally, the last week of May has seen very good success for anglers on the Icicle River. This fishery is scheduled to stay open until June 15th.

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School Board Meeting

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when she became a teacher at CHS.
 AVID has expanded to be in grades 3-12. Even at younger grades, it’s important to think about career and college readiness and develop a culture around that. Thus, at Alpine Lakes Elementary, the program is done school-wide. All students get taught strategies for inquiry, critical thinking, teamwork and leadership. At IRMS there are some school-wide initiatives and an elective class, and at the high school it is done as an elective class.
 Renner-Singer explained the typical high school AVID student profile is one who is capable and needs support due to circumstances that include factors such as first in family on college pathway, historically underserved, or low income. Students become confident in their study and note-taking skills, and in filling out applications for colleges and scholarship. Tutors, guest speakers and college field trips are part of the program. The program has proved very successful as AVID students have earned a large number of scholarships.
 Expanding AVID to all schools in the district means all staff are trained to

incorporate AVID teaching strategies and hold college and career readiness expectations to all students. Kenny and Malia Renner-Singer and superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou are all AVID trainers.
 Principal Elia Ala’ilima-Daley shared the schedule for the week of graduation, which brings back traditions that were paused the last two years. The week includes a scholarship night, a baccalaureate, the senior stroll (where seniors visit the students and teachers at the other schools wearing their caps and gowns and/or any symbols of the next step, be it college, military or other), a senior trip to Lake Chelan, a dress rehearsal and the graduation starting at 8 p.m. on June 11th.
 Travis Blue gave an overview about Discovery School, the small high school based out of the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. Blue is the sole teacher, and Anthony Lubetski is the para for a current group of fourteen students. Blue explained the mission of the school is “Opportunity for any and graduation for all.” Students choose to attend Discovery School; they are not sent there. One of the main reasons for switching from CHS to Discovery is lacking a sense of community. At Discovery, students follow individualized

academic plans, but there are also some group classes, like Citizen Washington in a Contemporary World (CWCW), a senior requirement.
 A priority of the school is fostering a positive sense of community where students feel safe, loved and accepted. This is critical following the COVID-related school closures when classrooms were not available as a safe alternative. Additionally, Blue aims to give students different experiences so their world is expanded. Recent examples include a visit to a rock climbing gym and assisting the Yakama Nation fish biologists releasing salmon to the river from the raceways. The school’s setting offers unique opportunities such as helping with annual amphibian research and snow science studies via snowshoes. Blue praised Lubetski as the new para this year, saying he challenges the students academically and connects with them.
 Blue completed his presentation with a sidenote about Icicle Bicycle, the mountain biking club, which he helped found eight years ago. It’s going strong with over fifty middle school and high school student athletes and twenty coaches. Mountain bike racing was mostly curtailed during COVID, but he expects the team will continue to

do very well, maybe even matching their status as top in the state in 2019, when they beat out larger programs from Seattle and Spokane.
 Under personnel, the board approved six hires and two resignations. These latter two were Amber Murdock, IRMS secretary, and James Mitsuyasu, IRMS and CHS band director. Both have served in the district for nine years and will be missed. Mitsuyasu is a past recipient of Teacher of the Year.
 New business included approval of a GSA Club at IRMS, an Out of Endorsement Instructional Staff Authorization for Cesar Mendoza, a CHS teacher who teaches science and math courses. Mendoza is endorsed for science and working toward his math endorsement. The board also approved insurance coverage for summer athletic programs and Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) membership renewal, both of which are done annually.
 For the good of the order, the board and superintendent recognized the value of the Methow Arts Alliance in-school art program, as demonstrated by the variety of art that decorates the elementary schools. This three-year program is made possible by a grant from the Icicle Fund.

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Wildfire Season

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and the Methow Valley’s Cedar Creek and Cub Creek fires.
 We know that forest fires are a part of nature, but they are getting more and more dangerous and expensive each year. So, what can you do as a property owner to begin

to prepare for the upcoming wildfire season?
 To begin with, each landowner should review what types of fuel loads exist on their property. Fuels are anything that can burn long enough to sustain heat or spread to other items or vegetation. Vegetation is the most common fuel that

can ignite a wildland fire. However, property owners also need to consider items such as wooden fencing that can act as an ignition source which can then transfer to nearby buildings.
 Homeowners also need to remove any lumber laying around the outside of the home that could serve as additional

fuel for embers that can fly into structures. Additionally, please consider your cars, boats and campers and any other items laying in your driveway as potential fuel and once those items begin to burn, it can lead to ignition of your home or other structures.
 Making changes now, when you have the time to

prepare, will help you be a more effective landowner who is ready for wildfire. Additionally, if you are in the middle of a wildland fire and your home and property is under ignition, the best thing you can do is evacuate your family and pets.
 The bottom line is that preparing now is better than

preparing later. If you have even the slightest risk of a home ignition from wildfire this season, protect and prepare your home and family today as it is never too soon to start wildfire preparedness. For more information on wildfire preparedness visit www.chumstickcoalition.org. Before the Fire.