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## Rep. Steele, Chelan-Douglas Health urge virus vigilance

By GARY BÉGIN

Representative Mike Steele (12th District), ranking member of the House Education Committee, stated last week in regards to Governor Jay Inslee's mandate that all public and private K-12 schools in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties close for the next six weeks. "This is the right thing to do," Steele, (R-Chelan), said, "I support the governor's decision to close the schools. In the beginning, I had reservations. But after meeting with the governor and senior officials from the Department of Health throughout the morning, I believe these steps will help slow the spread of the virus."

"My hope is that school districts not located in Central Puget Sound remain vigilant and continue to work closely with public health officials when making school closure decisions."

"For the parents, students and the public, I urge caution and calm. It's critical that we all do our best to respond appropriately and effectively to what we know is a serious health threat."

COVID-19, as the Coronavirus is diagnostically labeled, has been wreaking havoc all over Washington state, or what the national news calls "the epicenter" of the pandemic as manifested in the United States.

On an hourly basis, Leavenworth, Cashmere, Wenatchee, Chelan and Okanogan County events are being cancelled, some by event organizers, some by governmental authorities and others by common sense.

An open house to celebrate the new West Cashmere Bridge was one such victim with the Chelan County Department of Public Works stating, "We will be following the advice of the Chelan-Douglas Health District and canceling in-person group events that we have planned. That

includes the March 24 open house for the West Cashmere Bridge replacement project." Spokesman Jill Fitzsimmons also said, "Our efforts next week will turn to creating a virtual open house."

Fitzsimmons ended the press release by stating she hoped to have the link up by March 24.

According to real estate industry experts Trepp, "As COVID-19 continues to spread, the impact to business, markets, and everyday life is changing on a daily, if not hourly basis, which makes forecasting potential economic impacts a nearly impossible task. While it is growing more likely that the COVID-19 outbreak will cut across all industries, the initial impact of the COVID-19 and recent oil price shock will initially be felt more acutely in a handful of areas. These include travel, oil and gas extraction, entertainment, restaurants, and some sectors of retail."

Cashmere-based Certified Financial Planner Brad Blackburn stated last week, "After 10 years of shaking off every punch, the stock market was finally knocked down – and the longest bull market in history came to an end. It wasn't the trade wars, or the Fed, or Brexit, or the Fiscal Cliff, or Greece, or any of the things that worried the financial world over the last decade. Instead, it was the Coronavirus."

Jennifer Bushong, spokesman for the Town Toyota Center, announced last week that the ice rink would be closed to public skating. "Due to the recent information provided by Chelan-Douglas Health District regarding the Coronavirus COVID-19, the TTC management made the decision to cancel public ice skating for the foreseeable future."

The area's only professional sports team, the Wenatchee Valley SkyHawks indoor arena football team, postponed its first game, scheduled yesterday, March



Cliff Hassell picks up his meals at the Leavenworth Senior Center from cook Tasha Lucas. The Senior Center is closed but the kitchen provides meals M-F through the back door. For more information see page 3.

17, but pledges to honor all tickets for refunds or future game use.

Leavenworth's Icicle Creek Center for the Arts has also canceled several performances and the Leavenworth Ale Fest was canceled last weekend as well.

The city of Wenatchee has postponed its annual recycling event until the fall. A scheduled meeting of the Grant, Chelan and Douglas counties PUD's was also canceled last week amid fears of transmitting the disease. Many events were not canceled, but "postponed" until a future date, even though it is unknown when this health scare will become contained.

Most governors across the nation (at least 30 as of this writing) are banning any events where groups of 100-250 or more

people are expected.

Cashmere's Evergreen Baptist Church Pastor John Smith isn't keen to that idea. "Gov. Inslee has banned large gatherings (250 or more) from meeting within the Seattle area in the hopes of preventing the spread of the Coronavirus. However, I cannot help but wonder how this is going to impact churches? Did any of us ever think that there would be a day when we would witness a governmental entity look to a church and say "you are not allowed to worship together"? We would expect this to happen in China, or the Middle-East, but in 2020 America?"

No, I am not wearing a tin-foil hat when I am writing this but if the State can prevent churches from meeting over a perceived

viral outbreak, what other "reasons" will they give to shut churches down?

Only time will tell and we should be aware that this sets a very dangerous precedence," stated Smith.

The vast majority of deaths so far in this state have been at a westside nursing home. No local deaths have been reported as of March 13.

Because of hourly updates and news releases from city, school district, county, state and federal governments, be sure to consult the Chelan-Douglas Health District for official up to date medical information regarding this pandemic. Go to: Chelan-Douglas Health District - cdhd.wa.gov or for statewide information go to: doh.wa.gov.

## CANCELED OR POSTPONED

Currently these are the events in our local area that have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19. For more information on an event go to their website to confirm if you do not see it listed here.

**Publisher's note:** The Leavenworth Echo and Cashmere Valley Record will be limited to six pages since schools are closed and most public meetings have been cancelled. Closures and cancellations are changing rapidly. We will be posting news on our websites as soon as we are able to confirm the accuracy.

**Coffee meetings with Bob Bugert** have been canceled until further notice.

**Leavenworth Senior Center**, closed for lunch, but you can still order by phone 548-6666 and stop by to pick up your lunch. See Senior Menu with information.

**Upper Valley Empty Bowls Soup Dinner**, scheduled for March 19, is canceled. Online auction only will be open until 10 p.m. on March 18.

**Cascade School Mr. Kodiak contest was scheduled for March 16**, postponed until Tentative date April 27.

**P.E.O. Spring Fashion Show and Tea** is rescheduled from April 2, to June 4.

**The Hometown Hidden Talents Show** scheduled for March 14 will be rescheduled at a future date not announced yet.

**The North Central Regional Library**, canceling all programs, events, outreach, and meeting room use through April 5.

**Cashmere Community Concerts/Downtown Mountain Boys Concert** was scheduled for March 21 canceled.

**14th Annual Leavenworth Ale Fest** scheduled for April 18, has been canceled.

**Church Services Canceled. Check your local church for changes**

**Faith Lutheran Church in Leavenworth**, all services suspended until further notice.

**Community United Methodist Church in Leavenworth**, has canceled it's Good Friday Cantata, "Song of The Shadows".

**St. James Episcopal and Grace Lutheran Churches, Cashmere**, services suspended until further notice.

**Plain Community Church** has suspended services.

**Other Business Updates in Response to COVID-19**

**Governor Inslee** has promised to issue an emergency declaration shutting down restaurants, bars and entertainment businesses across the state.

**City of Leavenworth** is allowing for designated parking spots for curbside pickup adjacent to businesses/restaurants that are wanting to do this. Also, residents that are having trouble with the Xpress Bill Pay Website, please call (509) 548-5275 for credit card payments.

**Cascade Medical Center** has been working hard to prepare for COVID-19. As of Friday, March 13, we have tested 13 people, all negative. Similar to a wildfire response, we stood up a unified incident command system that involves our local fire districts, the Sheriff's office, Chelan-Douglas Health District and several partner organizations for better coordination and communication. We also plan to work with the Chamber to keep our business community in the loop.

We know many of your employees are concerned about COVID-19, and we've set up a frequently-asked-questions page at [cascademedical.org](http://cascademedical.org) to help keep you informed. Here are two questions we've received from downtown employees recently:

**Should I get tested for COVID-19?**

Not everyone needs to be tested. At Cascade Medical, the decision to test patients for COVID-19 is based on criteria from the state Department of Health. Most people will recover on their own. If you are at higher risk for complications (including people over age 60, those with underlying medical conditions, and pregnant women) please call your healthcare provider if you have fever, cough or shortness of breath.

If you do have symptoms of concern, please call BEFORE you arrive at Cascade Medical. For the

safety and consideration of others, please avoid the Emergency Department if you don't need immediate medical care.

**I don't have insurance. What are my options if I need to be tested for COVID-19?**

If you don't have insurance, and you need to be tested for COVID-19, here are some options:

- Cascade Medical offers a community financial assistance program, as well as payment plan options. Read more: <https://cascademedical.org/financial-assistance>

- Washington Health planfinder opened a special enrollment period through April 8. If you need help finding a health insurance plan that fits your situation, call Cascade Medical at (509) 548-5815 and we will connect you with one of our bilingual insurance navigators.

**Alpine Hot Yoga** is reducing class size to maximum 15. Please pre-sign up and show up early. Please call (509) 888-0349 [www.alpinehotyoga.com](http://www.alpinehotyoga.com)

**Blewett Brewing** will be operating normal business hours until further notice.

**Blue Spirits** will operate as normal; we will be doling out our own version of flu shots!

**Boudreaux Cellars** is open, business as usual. (509) 548-5858 [www.boudreauxcellars.com](http://www.boudreauxcellars.com)

**Chelan PUD** is closing public access to its office lobbies and public entrances until further notice and also suspended reservations for special events in PUD parks through May 17, 2020.

**Ducks and Drakes** offers our full menu to go, unfortunately we have no place for curbside services or way to deliver. We have been very vigilant at our sanitation of the business even

more than always and look forward to serving the public during this time and will continue business as usual for now.

**Fudge Hut & Garnishes Boutique Hut** open and operating until further notice.

**Icicle Outfitters & Guides** is shut down until the virus has peaked and down to near zero. Hope to open rides in May.

**Leavenworth Tattoo & Piercing Haus** continues to use aseptic and sterile practices and is open.

**Mountain Meadows** is in need of temporal thermometers and is limiting visitors to 1 family member per day.

**Mt Stuart PT and Balance Point Health and Fitness** open for business, no change in service at this time.

**Oysterfest at Yodelin** has been postponed until September.

**Refuge River Ranch** - Open for business and offering each participant medical gloves upon their arrival.

**Sip and Paint** suspending all events through the end of March.

**Upper Valley MEND** has temporarily canceled the Upper Valley Free Clinic. They are consolidating services through Cascade Medical. Community Cupboard has sufficient food stores at the moment.

**Wenatchee Valley Humane Society** has pets available for adoption to view on their website in real time. Those interested in adopting are encouraged to browse the website, then call to schedule an appointment. If you find or lose a pet, please complete a lost/found pet report on their website. They will be posting lost and found pets on their Facebook page. (509) 662-6577 [www.wenatcheehumane.org](http://www.wenatcheehumane.org)



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# COVID-19 virus impacts legislative session... now threatens student learning and economy

**EAST WENATCHEE** -- The Legislature completed its 60-day session in Olympia on schedule on March 12. This year's session was a busy time for me, as I continued in my elected leadership position as assistant floor leader for our caucus. I also served again as the Senate Education Committee's ranking member, which is the top-ranking Republican member of the committee. In this role, I worked closely with the committee chair on policy issues and recently on communications about school closures resulting from the COVID-19 virus.

As the Legislature approached its final day, with the state reeling from uncertainties about COVID-19, the committee chair and I found ourselves in the Governor's office discussing the upcoming announcement on school closures in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties, expanded statewide the following day. In a speedy effort to wrap up legislative

work and disperse the large gathering of lawmakers, staff, and advocates at the Capitol, the session adjourned later that evening.

The Legislature approved all three budgets for the remainder of the 2019-21 biennium and a COVID-19 response bill.

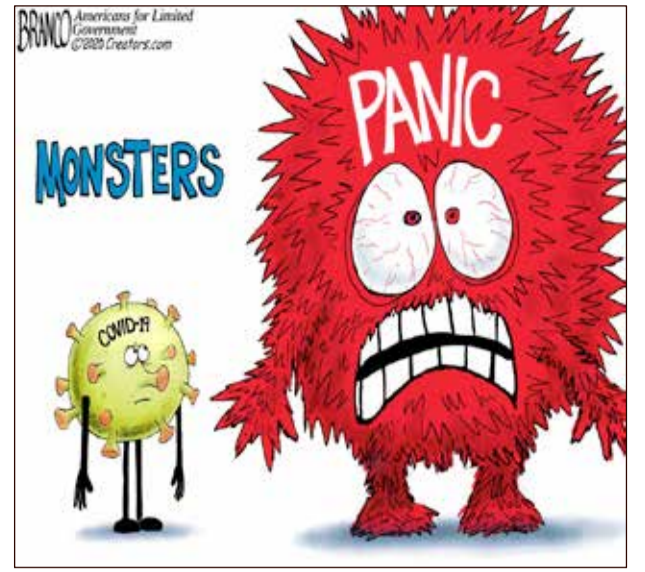


COMMUNITY VOICES  
By BRAD HAWKINS

The operating budget (\$53.5 billion), capital budget (\$5 billion), transportation budget (\$10.5 billion), and the COVID-19 response bill (\$200 million) were finalized on the final day of session after much negotiation. I voted for the transportation budget, capital budget, and COVID-19 emergency authorization, but I voted against the final operating budget. I could not support the broad scope of spending in the operating budget, especially during a time when the state is responding to the ongoing COVID-19 virus. There are

many uncertainties with this crisis, and I am afraid it will have significant impacts on our overall economy and the revenues our state is projected to receive.

School closures, anticipated to last until at least April 24, will help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus while preserving important state resources, minimizing adverse health impacts, and hopefully saving lives. The challenges associated with school closures though include less accessible public facilities, limited serving of school meals, impacts on childcare for working families, and reduced student learning time. For a state dependent on its sales and business tax revenues - and one that relies on exports to overseas markets including to China - the worldwide effects of this virus could have profound impacts on our state economy. School



closures will likely also impact student academic progress, which is especially unfortunate following the state finally resolving its longstanding McCleary case with the Supreme Court related to basic education.

Fortunately, the unanimous authorization of a \$200 million COVID-19 response bill is a good sign of bipartisan cooperation toward meeting the state's upcoming challenges. The final operating budget simply spends too much for the remainder of the 2019-2021 biennium, in my opinion, especially given the rapidly changing

COVID-19 crisis, so I voted against the final budget. Despite its nearly \$3 billion in projected reserves, which includes a robust "rainy day" fund, our healthy state economy will now be tested by this fast-moving virus. My hope is that our state and its people will quickly overcome what will hopefully be a short-term situation.

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# The Coronavirus Crisis™

After 10 years of shaking off every punch, the stock market was finally knocked down - and the longest bull market in history came to an end. It wasn't the trade wars, or the Fed, or Brexit, or the Fiscal Cliff, or Greece, or any of the things that worried the financial world over the last decade. Instead, it was the Coronavirus.



COMMUNITY VOICES  
By BRAD BLACKBURN

We've never seen anything like it. Whether it was SARS, the swine flu, or Ebola, none of those caused the complete shutdown of major economies across the globe. I don't want to ignore the human toll of

all of this, but from the standpoint of investors, this is as scary of a situation that we've seen since the financial crisis.

For the next few weeks, or maybe longer, there will be no public events, a lot less travel, a lot less eating out - a lot less of everything; it's a self-inflicted recession. We've never done this economic experiment before: Will it cause a short-term economic hiccup? A mild recession? A major crisis? This is the question the stock market is wrestling with.

Looking at the bigger picture, should Microsoft,

or Wal-Mart, or any of our major companies be worth 30% less than they were a month ago? That seems like an overreaction by the stock market. On the other hand, the potential for bad outcomes has definitely gone up. So, maybe the stock market isn't overreacting after all.

By its nature, the Coronavirus is a temporary event. However, in the same way that falling real estate prices exposed the disfunction and fraud in the financial world back in 2008, this shock could expose a bigger problem that we don't see right now. Thankfully, our current problems weren't caused by any fundamental problem with the economy or stock market. So, unless something else breaks under the pressure, we

should recover.

At this point, a record number of people have jobs, which is the most important thing for an economy. Over the coming weeks and months, new hiring will come to a screeching halt. The key thing to watch will be layoffs. If lots of people begin to lose their jobs, this could turn into a longer-term problem. However, this is one of the tightest job markets in history. All the employers I know have been working diligently to find and keep good employees. So, I expect the business world to do everything possible to avoid laying people off. If that proves to be true, the economy should recover quickly.

After natural disasters, bad economic news is

expected. So, any bad economic news in the coming weeks or months will likely be written off as the temporary result of the Coronavirus. On the other hand, any good news will be celebrated as a wonderful surprise and a sign of a recovering economy. In other words, the stock market will give the economy the benefit of the doubt for a while. So that will be something to look forward to - at least once the stock market stops falling.

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# We face two crises: the COVID19 virus and the government's response

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By TIM EYMAN

Guest Editorial

I am very concerned. All of us -- including myself -- are scrambling to keep track of the federal, state, and local governments' list of can's and cannot's. They keep changing on an almost hourly basis. Anytime so many governments are mandating so many constantly evolving restrictions, citizens need to be especially vigilant so the government doesn't make a bad situation worse.

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." That sure fits this.

Coronavirus is something we're all very concerned about -- there are people who have died from it and will die from it and all of us mourn for them and their families. And we're grateful to those heroic people in the health care field who are doing their absolute best. Coronavirus is rightfully getting a lot of attention.

But what's not getting the attention it deserves is the government's reaction to it. It's something all of us need to recognize: there are legions of examples in our nation's history where the government -- federal, state, and local -- made a bad situation worse and basic constitutional rights were trampled. During World War 2, Japanese Americans were put in internment camps. During the 50's, there was the House Committee on Un-American Activities and Hollywood's "black list". After 9-11, the federal government imposed restrictions that were not consistent with our US Constitution. There are innumerable examples.

At the meet-and-greet in Oak Harbor yesterday, I talked about this and it was very well received.

I highlighted my own personal history that influences my convictions: when we were doing our local initiatives to let the voters decide on red-light ticketing cameras in 2010 and 2011 -- the voters sided with us every time. The

government always said it was about safety, but voters recognized it was also a loss of their liberty.

During those campaigns, I often cited the famous quote by Benjamin Franklin: "Those who would give up Essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

The First Amendment guarantees the citizenry the right to peaceably assemble. I am very concerned that during fear-intensive situations like this that the government infringes on basic constitutional rights without sufficient questioning. And when that happens, I've seen the media is often silent or even complicit. It's

important that when the government infringes on basic constitutional rights and the press falls down on the job, there needs to be people with the courage to question it, challenge it, debate it. Jay Inslee did not "suggest" the suspension of the First Amendment, he ordered it. That is deeply disturbing to me.

Nothing wrong with the government saying -- we strongly urge citizens to do the following -- that's fine.

But using the full weight and authority and power of the government to order the end of political discourse, the suspension of worship, these are basic rights that do not need to be and should not be sacrificed

without greater discussion and debate. I firmly believe we can have a society that values both safety and liberty but only if you elect people who are committed to both.

My update on Saturday and the meet-and-greet in Oak Harbor were intended -- and they've succeeded -- in provoking a needed debate.

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation." Douglas MacArthur.

People need to be concerned, not just about COVID-19, but also the government's continued escalation of restrictions. Here's the latest from Governor Inslee:

"Given the explosion of COVID-19 in our state and globally, I will sign a statewide emergency proclamation tomorrow to temporarily shut down restaurants, bars and entertainment facilities."

It's a serious question: what's next?

These are very trying times that we are facing right now. I ask you to join me in prayer. I ask you to join me in asking questions that aren't being asked. I am very concerned, but I am also very certain that together, we can overcome these challenges without sacrificing what makes America so special.

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**Rotary Club**, Noon, Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 303 Maple St. Call President, Melissa Grimm, 860-1535.  
**Cashmere Food Bank**, 2:30-4 p.m., Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 109 "C" Railroad Avenue, for more information, call Pam, 509-669-3159.  
**Cashmere Park and Recreation Committee**, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. Call 782-3513. (last Wed., each month.)  
**The Underground Youth Group**, 6th-8th graders. 6:30-8 p.m. Christ Center, 206 Vine Street. Call Stephanie, 782-2825.

**Thursday**

**Caregiver Support Group**, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (2nd & 4th Thurs.)  
**Cashmere Sportsmen's Gun Club**, 6:30-10 p.m. Shooting range on Turkey Shoot Road. Call Brian, 782-3099.  
**Cashmere American Legion Post 64**, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 782-4973. (1st Thurs. of every month, August -June).  
**Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64**, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August -June).

**Friday**

**Evergreen Baptist Church Youth Group** (ages 13-20), 6:30-8 p.m., 5837 Evergreen Drive. Call 782-1662.

**Saturday**

**Bingo**, 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Call Wiley Collins, 888-1904.

**Sunday**

**CHURCH:** See the church page for local service times and events.  
**The Underground**, youth group for high schoolers. 6 p.m., Christ Center. 206 Vine Street. Call Stephanie, 782-2825.

**Monday**

**Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club**, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. Call Mary, 782-2057. (2nd & 4th Mon.)  
**Tillicum Riders**: 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 662-5984. (1st Mon.)  
**Cashmere City Council**, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).  
**Planning Committee Meeting**, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month).  
**Cashmere Fire Department**, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Matt Brunner, 782-3513. (3rd Mon.)  
**Cashmere Fire Department**, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Matt Brunner, 782-3513. (3rd Mon.)  
**Cashmere School Board**, 6:30 p.m., School District Office. Call 782-3355. (4th Mon.)  
**Chelan Douglas Republican Women**, luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Wenatchee Red Lion. Contact President Ellie, 425-319-9869 (1st Mon. each month).

**Tuesday**

**I.P.I.D. meeting**, 8 a.m., on Wescott Dr., Cashmere. Call Anthony Jantzer, 782-2561. (2nd Tues.)  
**Ministerial Association**, 8 a.m., Epledalen lunchroom. Call 782-7600. (2nd Tues.)  
**Cashmere Chamber of Commerce**. Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, Gina, for meeting location, 782-7404. (3rd Tues.)  
**Buns, Books and Tea**, Peshastin Book Club, Peshastin Library. Call Kathy, 509-433-1345. (3rd Tues.).

**Ongoing events**

**Cashmere Public Library: 782-3314**  
**Call for other information if not listed.**  
 Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.  
 Thurs., 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.  
 Sat., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sun., Closed.  
**Events:**  
 Tues. & Wed., 10-10:30 a.m. **Story time Pre-K & up**  
 Wed., **Preschool Story time**, 10-10:30 a.m.  
 Wed., **Bilingual Story time**, 4:30-5 p.m. (last Wed. of every month)  
 Fri., **Baby/Toddler Story time**, 10:30-11 a.m.  
**Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village**  
 Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sun., Noon- 4 p.m.  
**Chelan County Historical Society Board meets**, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotletts Way. Call 782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)  
**Note:** Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

**AA MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Information numbers for AA:**  
 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 425-773-7527, 206-719-3379  
**Sunday, 9 a.m.**, Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
**Sunday, 7 p.m.**, Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
**Tuesday, noon**, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans St.  
**Tuesday, 7 p.m.**, Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin  
**Wednesday, 7 p.m.**, Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
**Thursday, noon**, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans  
**Friday, 7:30 p.m.**, Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain  
**Information number for Alanon: 509-548-7939**  
**Alanon Meeting Schedule**  
**Monday, 7 p.m.**, United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
 Friday, dinner, 5:30 p.m., meeting 6:15 p.m. Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive, Leavenworth.  
 Please contact us for questions: Dave and Nancy Bartholomew, 509-596-1510.

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**The North Central Regional Library**

Is canceling all programs, events, outreach, and meeting room use through April 5.

**P.E.O. Scholarships Available**

Applications are still being accepted for the Upper Valley Scholarship sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter JF, Leavenworth. Applicant must be at least 30 years old and living in Chelan or Douglas County. Applications must be received by April 30, for consideration. Please email Mimi at mimikeller5@icloud.com for more information. (er11,12).

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**U.V. Empty Bowls Soup Supper - Canceled**

It is with sadness that the Upper Valley Empty Bowls (UVEB) committee lets our community know that we have decided to CANCEL the Soup Supper on March 19.

\* If you decorated a bowl at glazing days, we have also canceled the pickup at the Festhalle please DO NOT come to the Festhalle Thursday, March 19, you can call UVMEND office for more information. We are sorry for any inconvenience. 548-0408. (er12).

**Online Upper Valley Empty Bowls Auction**

Please consider bidding on the spectacular bowls

created by local artists and potters for the 24th Annual Empty Bowls Artist Bowl online auction. The Auction begins at 8 a.m. March 11 through 10 p.m. March 18 at the Upper Valley Empty Bowls website: [uvenemptybowls.org](http://uvenemptybowls.org) (er,10,11).

**Children's Auditions - Leavenworth Summer Theater**

Auditions for this season's productions of "Music Man" and the "The Secret Garden" will be the afternoon of Wednesday, March 25. Auditions for the "Sound Of Music" will be the morning of Saturday, March 28. Please call 548-7324 or visit our website for more information and to set up an audition appointment, [leavenworthsummertheater.org/auditions/](http://leavenworthsummertheater.org/auditions/) (er,10, 11,12)

**P.E.O. Spring Fashion Show & Tea postponed**

Join us on our new date June 4 at 1 p.m., at the Iceicle Village Resort, for our 10th Annual P.E.O. Fashion Show. This fun event, which showcases styles from local shops in Leavenworth, helps to provide scholarships for local women returning to higher education. Advance reservations required. For tickets, call 503-421-2922 or email: [sally@kfast.org](mailto:sally@kfast.org). (er12,13).

**Leavenworth RotaryFest**

Call Bill at 670-1837 or 548-5286 to purchase a \$10 raffle ticket to win two E-Bikes, (\$2000 value), drawing to be held at the RotaryFest Event on April 19. No need to be present to win.(er10,11,12).

**SENIOR CENTER MENUS**

**Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth**

**As of March 11, we received a press release announcement stated that all Senior Centers will be closed due to the Corona virus.**

**These meals will still be available at the Leavenworth Center, but only as a Take-out lunch. You must call 24 hours in advance to have your lunch ready to pick up from the Center. For meal pick-up call: (509)548-6666.**

**March 19, Thursday:** Hamburger steak with grilled onions, green bean casserole, veggie pasta salad, spiced salad, peaches, dessert.

**March 20, Friday:** Vegetable lasagna, cottage cheese, Caesar salad, cinnamon pears, garlic breadsticks, dessert. Saturday and Sunday: No Lunch

**March 23, Monday:** Beef tacos, spiced salad, black bean & corn salad, cinnamon pears, dessert.

**March 24, Tuesday:** Stuffed peppers, green beans, orange quarters, whole wheat roll, dessert.

**March 25, Wednesday:** Chicken fettuccine, crunchy pea salad, spring salad, fresh fruit, garlic bread, dessert.

**SENIOR CENTER CANCELLED**

**Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth**

**Events Calendar**

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



FILE PHOTO

**Mountain Meadows Senior Living Receives 2020 Customer Experience Award from Pinnacle Quality Insight**

SUBMITTED BY NATE OGLESBY  
 Mountain Meadows Senior Living is a Leavenworth-based non-profit senior living provider offering independent, assisted and memory care services. They are proud to announce that they are the recipient of Pinnacle Quality Insight's 2020 Customer Experience Award™. Qualifying for the award in the following categories, Mountain Meadows displays a continued dedication to providing Best in Class senior healthcare services. Their qualifying categories include: Overall Satisfaction, Personal Care, Cleanliness, Response to Problems, Dignity & Respect, Communication, Move-in Process, Recommend

to Others and in Life Enrichment Programming. Nate Oglesby, Executive Director of Mountain Meadows, describes receiving the award as an honor, stating that, "This award reflects the efforts of our entire team. We love our residents are dedicated to helping them live life to their fullest extent, finding joy and independence at a place they feel proud to call home." Throughout their history of serving the community, Mountain Meadows has placed a strong emphasis on ensuring that the individual needs of every resident are met. Over the course of 2019, a sampling of Mountain Meadows customers and their families have participated in monthly telephone

interviews that include open-ended questions, as well the opportunity to rate them in specific categories. Every month, Mountain Meadows has gathered its real-time survey results to gain a better understanding of their resident's needs and make improvements when necessary. By qualifying for the Pinnacle Customer Experience Award™, Mountain Meadows has satisfied the rigorous demand of scoring in the top 15% of the nation across a 12-month average. Clients have the opportunity to achieve this Best in Class distinction on a monthly basis in many categories designed to accurately reflect each resident's experience.

**Insight**  
 A customer satisfaction measurement firm with 24 years of experience in post-acute healthcare, Pinnacle conducts over 150,000 phone surveys each year and works with more than 2,500 care providers in all 50 US states, Canada and Puerto Rico.  
**About Mountain Meadows Senior Living**  
 At Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus, we go to great lengths to keep families involved in the care of their loved ones. Regular family meetings and responsive communication with family members and Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus staff is the key to ensuring the highest quality of care for our residents. Mountain Meadows is a 501(c) 3 non-profit community.

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## OBITUARY

### Katherine (Kay) J. Burgess Wiczai

February 28, 1923-January 11, 2020

Age 96, passed away unexpectedly on January 11, 2020 at her home in Cashmere, WA. Up until her death, Kay was in good health and just over a month away from her 97th birthday. Kay was born in Dahlgren, King George, Virginia on February 28, 1923 to her loving parents, Byard Benjamin (BB) Burgess and Alice E. Dudley. She was preceded in death by her parents, BB and Alice Burgess, her siblings, Vincent B. Burgess, Carmen A. Burgess Shoemaker, Margorie L. Burgess Wiegenstein Mills, and Norman Dudley Burgess, her husband Louis James Wiczai Sr., her dearly beloved son L. James Wiczai, Jr., and step grandson, Pete Farry. Kay is survived by her daughter, Anita Burgess Jones, her beloved granddaughter, Casey J. Chapman and great-grandson, Jeffrey Burch and his wife, Jessica. Kay was especially close to Casey and Jeffrey who both brought her great joy and mutual support over the years. Kay is also survived by her daughter-in-law Karen Kirby (Wiczai), step grand-daughter, Lisa Farry Jennings,



and several nieces and nephews. Kay was particularly close to her niece Lana Shauer. Kay spent many of her adult years in Southern California up until about 20 years ago when she moved to Cashmere, Washington to be closer to family. Kay was a very kind and loving woman who was always there to help others, particularly her family who she loved deeply. She was also an avid Bridge player and had many friends who also enjoyed the game. Kay worked for the Federal Government for many years with expertise in Human Resources. Kay will be sorely missed by her family and friends who loved her dearly.

Condolences and gifts in memory of Kay can be sent to Casey Chapman, 405 Pioneer Ave., Cashmere, WA 98815.

## Banning Sunday Services

In Washington, Gov. Inslee has banned large gatherings (250 or more) from meeting within the Seattle area in the hopes of preventing the spread of the Coronavirus.

However, I cannot help but wonder how this is going to impact churches? Did any of us ever think that there would be a day when we would witness a governmental entity look to a church and say "you are not allowed to worship together"? We would expect this to happen in China, or the Middle-East, but in 2020 America?

No, I am not wearing a tin-foil hat when I am writing this but if the State can prevent churches from meeting over a perceived viral outbreak, what other "reasons" will they give to shut churches down?

Only time will tell and we should be aware that this sets a very dangerous precedence.

As I observe and look ahead to the future, the banning of large churches from meeting together reinforces the idea that the mega-church model is unsustainable. When I say "mega-church model" I am referring to the popular understanding that the way we do church is to get as many people in the sanctuary we can. According to this model, "church" is a numbers game and the more numbers you have attending a Sunday service, the more successful you



A WALK WITH PASTOR JOHN SMITH

are. This model of doing church is pervasive within modern evangelicalism and I would assert, distinctly American, where "Bigger is always better."

Yet take a look at what has happened in the past week. One executive order from the State and those large churches are banned from meeting together on the Lord's Day.

So, what are these churches to do? Well, either they can cave to the government and shut down or they could defy the State and keep their doors open.

But still, there is another option: a move toward the small.

It is situations like the one we are in that I hope causes us to reevaluate some things like, "Is bigger always better?" and the level of commitment we have concerning gathering with others to worship God. Will we stop worshipping because the government

says we can't or will we gather into smaller and more intimate groups, where the worship of God is present and the Bible is taught?

Please don't misunderstand me, I am not entirely against large churches. I have spent much of my early days in ministry serving in one and I praise God for that experience. However, one of the maladies concerning large churches is the problem of connectivity and accountability. Often people go to be a spectator rather than a participant and it is easy to hide within a congregation of hundreds or thousands.

On the other hand, it's difficult to hide in a small gathering of 10 or 20. Small fellowships enjoy a Christian intimacy that is difficult, generally, for larger churches to pull off. In these small and humble gatherings, you can look at your brother or sister in the eye, know them and their struggle but also see and experience how the Holy Spirit has uniquely gifted them for ministry. Furthermore, smaller gatherings are a bit more flexible and scrappier than larger ones.

They don't have the added pressure of maintaining numbers or trying to move behemoth like programs and infrastructure to get gospel work done. From what I have witnessed, they just get the work done with, dare I say, supernatural expediency.

When I think of a move toward the small, I am reminded of not only how it was in the early days of Christianity but also that this is the present reality for most Christians in the world today. The majority of churches in our world, do not have the luxury of meeting in places that hold thousands. Rather, they meet in homes or caves, often fellowshipping in secret to avoid persecution. Although these gatherings are small and with very little resources, God has used them to multiply disciples and spread the influence of the gospel in places like China and Iran, where you could be imprisoned or killed for being a Christian.

In some ways, this coronavirus and the executive order by Gov. Inslee is a good thing for the churches in Washington. It should wake us up to the times we live in but also to spur us to evaluate how we do church and cause us to be courageous in taking the exhortation "to not neglect to meet together" (Heb. 10:24) seriously.

Pastor John Smith of Evergreen Baptist Church in Cashmere can be reached at [pastorjohnsmithebc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohnsmithebc@gmail.com).



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For information call 509-548-5286, or email [editor@leavenworthecho.com](mailto:editor@leavenworthecho.com)

### CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF, FIRE & EMS REPORTS

This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

<p><b>March 6</b></p> <p>02:11 <b>Suspicious</b>, 8340 Williams Canyon Rd.</p> <p>13:00 <b>Trespass</b>, 301 Aplets Way</p> <p>19:51 <b>Extra Patrol</b>, 5720 Vale Rd., Hitching Post</p> <p>19:53 <b>Harass/threat</b>, 4330 Eels Rd.</p> <p><b>March 7</b></p> <p>13:22 <b>Malicious mischief</b>, 115 E. Pleasant Ave., #1</p> <p>13:33 <b>Hazard</b>, 102 Titchenal Way</p> <p>13:51 <b>Noise</b>, 201 Riverside Dr.</p>	<p>15:52 <b>Harass/threat</b>, 300 Cottage Ave.</p> <p>16:49 <b>Warrant</b>, 300 Aplets Way, Hometown Market</p> <p>20:31 <b>Traffic offense</b>, 8300 Blk Williams Canyon Rd.</p> <p>23:23 <b>Alarm</b>, 100 Oak St.</p> <p><b>March 8</b></p> <p>14:03 <b>Malicious mischief</b>, 115 E. Pleasant Ave., #2</p> <p><b>March 9</b></p> <p>08:47 <b>Malicious mischief</b>, 115 E. Pleasant Ave., #5</p>	<p>11:12 <b>Parking/abandon</b>, 8410 Main St.</p> <p>12:34 <b>Accident/no injuries</b>, 329 Tigner Rd.</p> <p>14:30 <b>Unknown accident</b>, US Hwy. 2 &amp; Nahahum Canyon</p> <p>14:36 <b>Harass/threat</b>, 121 Elberta Ave.</p> <p>15:22 <b>Parking/abandon</b>, 4098 Mission Creek Rd.</p> <p>18:06 <b>Fraud/forgery</b>, 207 Paton St.</p> <p><b>March 10</b></p> <p>11:46 <b>Agency assist</b>, 8000 Kinney Rd., Dryden</p> <p>13:17 <b>Theft</b>, 107 Railroad Ave.</p>
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Ave.  
14:58 **Warrant**, 4620 Old Monitor Rd., Monitor

**March 11**

07:10 **Welfare check**, 111 Riverfront Dr.

15:03 **Disturbance**, 205 River St., #3

**March 12**

09:36 **Suspicious**, 115 E. Pleasant Ave., #3

11:55 **Fraud/forgery**, 111 Aldous St.

15:35 **Hazard**, US Hwy. 2 & Nahahum Canyon

19:13 **Warrant**, 8703 Alice Ave., Dryden

20:12 **Alarm**, 603 Cottlets Way, Antique Mall

22:52 **Property**, 107 Railroad Ave.

23:04 **Public assist**, 316 Chapel St.

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Division • 782-3811 Worship &amp; Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Pastor Lilia Felicitas - Malana</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">CHRIST CENTER</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Cashmere Assembly of God • 509-782-2825 Worship Celebration &amp; Sunday School 10 a.m. Meeting at The Conservatory, back entrance of Apple Annie's Underground High School Group, Sundays, 6 p.m. Junior High, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Meet at - 206 Vine Street Lead Pastor, Steve Haney Children's Pastor, Andy Robinson Congregation Care Pastor, Joyce Williams Pastor Ian Ross, Director of Operations Steffanie Haney, High School Director <a href="http://christcentercashmere.com">christcentercashmere.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Vine &amp; Elberta Streets • 860-0736 Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Robert Gohl</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">ST. 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Matt Gorman Sunday service 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.leavenworthumc.org">www.leavenworthumc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Leavenworth Grange Hall 621 Front St. • 548-0748 Sunday Worship 10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">10170 Titus Rd. (across from middle school) Church: 548-7667 Meetings: Sunday - 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">"Reconciling Works Congregation" 224 Benton Street • 548-7010 Worship 9:30 a.m. w/coffee following Rev. Nancy Gradwohl <a href="http://www.FLCleavenworth.com">www.FLCleavenworth.com</a> <a href="mailto:FLCLeavenworth@gmail.com">FLCLeavenworth@gmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEAVENWORTH, SBC</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">429 Evans Street, 509- 470-7745 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM <a href="http://www.leavenworthbaptist.com">www.leavenworthbaptist.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@leavenworthbaptist.com">info@leavenworthbaptist.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">LEAVENWORTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">111 Ski Hill Drive • 548-5292 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Lead Pastor: Andy Dayton Youth Pastor, Kent Wright <a href="http://www.LCN.org">www.LCN.org</a></p>
		<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">10600 Ski Hill Drive • 548-4345 Saturday Services Bible Study 9:30 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m. Fred Smith • 860-3997</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">SPIRIT LIFE CENTER</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">210 Benton Street • 548-7138 Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Prayer 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Pastor Russell Esparza</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>MONITOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">MONITOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">3799 Fairview Canyon • 782-2601 Church Service &amp; Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Pastor Lilia Felicitas - Malana</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>PESHASTIN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">LIGHT IN THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">8455 Main Street • 548-7517 Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Pastor John Romine <a href="http://www.lightinthevalley.org">www.lightinthevalley.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">PESHASTIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">School and Lake St. • 548-7523 Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Adventures for kids at 10 a.m. sharp Pastor Jorge Torres</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">NEW LIFE FOURSQUARE CHURCH</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">7591 Hwy. 97 • 548-4222 Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Pastors, Darryl and Mindy Wall Email: <a href="mailto:newlifeleavenworth@gmail.com">newlifeleavenworth@gmail.com</a> FB page: <a href="http://newlifeleavenworth.com">newlifeleavenworth.com</a> <a href="http://www.newlifeleavenworth.com">www.newlifeleavenworth.com</a></p>

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Qualifications:  
Graduation from an accredited high school or General Education Development (GED), computer experience utilizing Microsoft products, including Word and Excel with an emphasis on document management and basic spreadsheet applications.  
Salary Range: \$2,848 - \$3,416 per month + benefits (32 Hours a week);  
Salary Grade 17, Union Position  
Application process/deadline:  
Application packets are available at Chelan City Hall, 135 East Johnson Ave., or <https://cityofchelan.us/employment/>. Please submit a Letter of Intent, resume and completed application to the Deputy City Clerk at [pmichajla@cityofchelan.us](mailto:pmichajla@cityofchelan.us) by 5:00 p.m. March 27, 2020.  
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  - Seed cover
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  - Action word
  - Like face-to-face exam
  - Don't cross it?
  - Comic cry
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  - Hawaiian veranda
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  - Puzzle with pictures and letters
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  - Yarn spinner
  - "The Nutcracker" protagonist
  - Crafting with stitches
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  - Church song
  - Actress Sorvino
  - Shining armor
  - Negative contraction
  - Pub order
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  - Christmas season
  - Horizontal wall beam
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  - \*Measurement of alcohol in body, acr.
- ACROSS
- Happen again
  - Promotions
  - Field mouse
  - UV absorber
  - Seek a seat
  - Eagle's nest
  - Jury
  - Mad King George's number
  - Bad-tempered one
  - \*Two or more people on the road
  - \*Fines can do that?
  - Scot's woolen cap
  - Give an impression
  - Last month
  - Willy Wonka mastermind
  - Lay down to rest again
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  - J. Edgar Hoover's org.
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- Cascade High School Girls Assistant Soccer Coach
- Icicle River Middle School 7th Grade Softball Coach


Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at: [www.cascadesd.org](http://www.cascadesd.org) EOE



The Cascade School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following position:

Icicle River Middle School Counselor

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


Nomination forms can be obtained from the Cascade School District website [www.cascadesd.org](http://www.cascadesd.org) under Programs and Highly Capable and in school offices. In order to be considered for identification for the coming school year, nomination forms should be returned to Mike Janski, Highly Capable Director, at Icicle River Middle School by April 17, 2020 either by dropping them by the middle school, by email [mjanski@cas-cadesd.org](mailto:mjanski@cas-cadesd.org) or by mail; 10195 Titus Rd. Leavenworth, WA 98826

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

Las formas para hacer una nominación se pueden obtener por la página de web del Distrito Escolar de Cascade ([www.Cascadesd.org](http://www.Cascadesd.org)) se encuentran bajo la pestaña del Programs y Highly Capable) y en las oficinas escolares. Con el fin de ser considerado para la identificación del próximo año escolar, deben devolver las formas de nominación al Sr. Mike Janski, Director del Programa de Alta Capacidad en la Escuela Intermedia Icicle River para el 17 de abril, 2020, por correo electrónico [mjanski@cas-cadesd.org](mailto:mjanski@cas-cadesd.org) o por correo; 10195 Titus Rd. Leavenworth, WA 98826. (WAC 392-170-035, WAC 392-170-036)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
that the Leavenworth City Council will hold two public hearings on April 14, 2020 at 6:45 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, Washington to take public testimony on Amendments to City of Leavenworth Code. The first hearing will address amendments to Leavenworth Municipal Code (LMC) Design Review Board requirements and permit processes, LMC Chapter 14.08, Old World Bavarian Architectural Theme and LMC Chapter 2.38, Design Review Board. The second hearing will address amendments defining Short Subdivision as division of land into nine or fewer lots and Major Subdivisions as divisions of 10 or more lots, LMC Chapter 17.08 Short Subdivisions, LMC Chapter 17.12 Major Subdivisions and LMC Chapter 21.90 Common Definitions. All of the proposed amendments are exempt from environmental review. Copies of the proposed amendments are available at City Hall, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, WA. Interested citizens are encouraged to comment and/or attend the public hearings. Questions may be directed to Development Services within City Hall, phone 509-548-5275 or email [dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com) Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on March 18, 2020. #87519

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY**  
In the Matter of the Estate of ARCHIE A. MARLIN, Deceased.  
No. 20-4-00076-04  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:  
(1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
Date of First Publication: March 18, 2020  
Personal Representative: Sherry S. Marlin  
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Russell J. Speidel  
Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP  
7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600  
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Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881  
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 20-4-00076-04  
SHERRY S. MARLIN  
Personal Representative  
Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP  
By: RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL  
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**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH**  
On the 10th day of March, 2020, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinance. A summary of the contents provides as follows:  
**Ordinance 1608:** An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, relating to local sales and use taxes; authorizing the maximum capacity of the tax authorized under the provisions of House Bill 1406 for affordable and supportive housing and rental assistance and adding a new Chapter 3.44 Affordable Housing Funds to the Leavenworth Municipal Code.  
A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Chantell R. Steiner, Finance Director/City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826.  
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**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
that the Leavenworth City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, Washington to take public testimony on Amendments to City of Leavenworth Municipal Code (LMC) four items (1) Reference to Code Enforcement within LMC 12.08 Street and Sidewalk Obstruction; (2) Right of Entry for application review, new LMC Section 21.07.015; (3) Exemption for Service Sign, LMC Section 14.10.055; (4) Clarifying pool requirements and exempt accessory structures in the building regulations, LMC Section 15.04.010. The proposed amendments are exempt from State Environmental Policy Act pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19) procedural actions. Interested citizens are encouraged to comment and/or attend the public hearing and or contact Development Services within City Hall, phone 509-548-5275 or email [dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:dsmanager@cityofleavenworth.com) Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on March 18, 2020. #87517

**Superior Court of Washington For Chelan County**  
In the matter of the estate of **Janet A. Kill, Deceased.**  
No. 20-4-00043-04  
**Notice To Creditors**  
(RCW 11.40.030)  
The person named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or her attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
**Date of First Publication: March 4, 2020.**  
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Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 20-4-00043-04  
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The rise of hand-washing a vitally important life skill

Last year we moved into our current log home, a house that has TWO bathrooms. Whoohoo! There's a loft with a master bathroom upstairs and a main bathroom downstairs. This is the first house I've lived in that has more than one bathroom. I grew up in an old Victorian house, where my 3 sisters, 2 brothers and parents shared ONE bathroom. You'd often hear someone pounding on the bathroom door, followed by someone inside calling out, "I'll be out in a minute!" Do you know how long a minute is? That depends on which side of the bathroom door you're on...



What's most important is HOW you wash your hands. You should rub the soap or alcohol gel over every surface of your hands, including your fingertips, fingernails, and between your fingers, for at least 15 seconds.

To keep you rubbing long enough, hum a song that takes you 15-20 seconds to finish while rubbing your hands in a systematic pattern over the tops of your hands, palms, between your fingers, fingertips and fingernails. One verse of a song like Freres Jacques, The Itsy-Bitsy Spider, or two verses of shorter songs like Happy Birthday, the Alphabet Song, or Row, Row, Row Your Boat all last about 15-20 seconds. My own personal favorite? The Itsy-Bitsy Spider.

Our main bathroom has a Christmas tree shaped container filled with deep green liquid hand soap that smells just like Christmas. We liked it so much last year that we've kept using it even after the holiday season ended. The bottle is almost empty now, and I'm looking for something to refill it with.

Passing on this vital personal skill is easier now than ever, with plenty of free information available online to help teach effective hand-washing technique to your children and grandchildren. Here are 6 Key Strategies for Effective Hand-washing:

**1. Do it frequently.**  
Wash or sanitize your hands BEFORE eating, BEFORE and AFTER caring for loved ones who are ill, AFTER using the bathroom, handling animals or pets, and sneezing or wiping your eyes or nose.

**2. Check the label.**  
For effectiveness, make sure the alcohol-based hand gel you buy and use contains at least 65-70% alcohol.

**3. Rub your hands thoroughly.**  
Make sure you are rubbing soap or gel over EVERY surface of your hands, especially all of your fingertips and fingernails.

**4. Don't skimp on hand gel.**  
Many people swipe hand gel around and that's it. Apply enough gel so that it takes about 15 seconds to dry completely.

**5. Sing a song.**  
Sing or hum a catchy song that lasts for at least 15 seconds while you wash your hands. It helps kids learn effective handwashing and keeps you (and them) from stopping too soon.

**6. Antibacterial soap is not required.**  
Effective handwashing or sanitizing depends on using good technique, not on wiping with soap that contains an antibacterial chemical.

How should you wash your hands?  
First, you have a choice between hand soap or hand gel or sanitizer. Which one is best? That depends. Unless your hands have dirt, visible soil or grease on them, you can effectively wash or sanitize your hands using either soap and water or an alcohol-based gel or foam, as long as the alcohol gel or foam contains at least 65-70% alcohol. If your hands are dirty or greasy, washing them with soap and water is more effective than using gel or foam.

In health care settings like clinics, hospitals and nursing homes, using alcohol-based hand rubs for hand hygiene is strongly encouraged because they are more convenient to use and when used properly, they can kill bacteria more effectively and quickly than washing with soap and water. Alcohol based hand gels are also less irritating to the skin than soap and water, which is important because health care workers need to wash their hands frequently during each shift as they care for their patients.  
Do you need an antibacterial soap? No! The key to effectively cleaning your hands is removing bacteria and viruses from their surface by using friction and then rinsing them away, not by attacking them with a chemical.

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