



Winthrop's Alan Fahnestock wants to replace Steele for state representative

By GARY BÉGIN

Alan Fahnestock is running as a Democrat for State Representative, District 12, Position Two, against one-term incumbent Republican Mike Steele of Chelan. He sat down at the Eagles Club in Wenatchee recently with NCW Managing Editor Gary Bégin to answer a few questions:

NCW Media: Why do you want to be our state representative?

Alan Fahnestock: Politics in the US have become far too adversarial: when Party A says "X", Party B says "Not X" without even considering the issue in question. This is axiomatic at the federal level, but has become prevalent even at the state level. It needs to change: legislation is about issues, not about parties. I have no party, no real "agenda" (although, of course, I have opinions), and no interest in playing games where people's lives are concerned.

I would also argue that the major parties have forfeited any right to govern. The Republican Party (although not necessarily individual Republicans) are all about "It's all mine and you can't have any," while the Democratic Party is largely ineffectual even when it can find a coherent position on a given issue. The country, and the state, need legislators committed to finding solutions.

NCW Media: What experience in legislative affairs or management do you have?

Fahnestock: I am a complete newbie where politics is concerned, aside from having a couple of degrees in history, politics and economics. I have been on the Boards of various nonprofits on occasion.

On the other hand, I worked as an executive in a number of multi-billion-dollar companies, managing hundreds of people and millions of dollars. I did this both in the US and in the former Soviet Union (for American companies). I have a pretty good handle on how people operate, and on how to get them to cooperate.

NCW Media: What do you see to be the district's major issues?

Fahnestock: The primary issue, as for the whole country, is economic inequity: 20% of the population owns 85% of the wealth, while a large proportion of the remaining 80% works two or three jobs just to keep a roof over their heads. This needs to be attacked in a number of ways: a living wage, some measure of healthcare security, encouragement of small business, et cetera. Precisely what combination of these factors may produce positive results is not immediately apparent.



What WON'T work is depriving people of recently-won medical insurance benefits, reduction of taxes for only high-income people, and the initiation of trade wars with Washington's biggest partners.

NCW Media: How do you feel about unfunded mandates from Olympia?

Fahnestock: Unfunded mandates are completely unacceptable under any circumstances, no matter who attempts to impose them.

NCW Media: Can you work with Republicans/Democrats and independents to achieve the greater good?

Fahnestock: That's why I'm running. I've worked with people who make our worst and most venal politicians (yes, we have them) look like Boy Scouts. There are probably lots of folks who don't like me a lot (and there will be more after this), but I'm confident that there are very few who don't recognize that I'm dead honest and interested only in the greater good.

NCW Media: What are your thoughts about the Hirst and/or McCleary decisions?

Fahnestock: I'm not an expert on either decision, but what I do know is that judicial decisions are, by definition, binary: it's yes or no, this or that. Judges can't generally do a lot of nuance, because, theoretically, they are not actually making laws: that's the legislature's job.

My sense on both decisions is that a

whole lot more work will be necessary to address the issues involved. On McCleary, I have precisely no idea what "fully funded" means with regard to public education, and I'm pretty sure nobody else knows either; we need to figure out how to most efficiently allocate available funds, first, and then figure out how to find more. With regard to Hirst, Republican hostage-taking (i.e. the Capital Budget) merely served to kick the can down the road: water in the interior West is a hugely complex issue, scientifically, socially, and economically, and figuring out a truly equitable and efficient solution is going to require more than petty arguing about "what's fair".

NCW Media: If elected, what goals do you have to bring more business and/or tourism to the district?

Fahnestock: I'd like to see more initiatives along the lines, more or less, of the Small Business Administration, with the potential for issuing loans and/or grants to small businesses, with strict accountability but reasonable constraints. Small business is a primary driver of employment, and that's what the district needs most.

I'm confident that tourism will largely take care of itself, in those areas where it is truly suitable. If people can't find a reason to come, there's nothing much government can do to attract them. If they WANT to come, services and employment will

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'Little Women' – a play which echoes audience emotions!

By BARBARA WASHBURN

Little Women, the famous novel by Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), will delight many as one of the three Leavenworth Summer Theater performances this season. The musical is a well-known, spirit nourishing and heartwarming theater creation for families and friends to enjoy together.

Little Women, is centered on the growing years of the four March Sisters, Amy, Beth, Jo and Meg, and their lives and relationships during the American Civil War era. Their passage is not a tranquil one by any means. Each of the four sisters is shamed but also gradually ultimately enriched by her trials involving love, culture, humanity and death. During a difficult time in American history, the story is told by sister Jo, a hopeful dreamer and writer herself.

Tiffany Mausser, who is the director of Little Women, is a local talent. She is a Leavenworth-area native who's history dates back with Leavenworth Summer Theatre (LST) to 1996. Her first performance was as a child in the play The King and I. Mausser attended the University of Washington and earned degrees in Political Science and Drama. She is now a Wenatchee resident, where she works with a number of local theatre groups as an actor, director, and choreographer.

Little Women is her eighth LST production as a director or co-director for LST. Some of her most prevalent plays included Anything Goes, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Joseph and Singing in the Rain. Mausser also acts and directs for Music Theatre of Wenatchee. Most recently she has co-directed and choreographed the very popular Guys and Dolls with her father John Mausser, who is also an actor and director.

When asked why this year's Leavenworth Summer Theater is so special to her, she explains that it marks the 25th anniversary of the creation of Leavenworth Summer Theater (LST). "I am thrilled to witness how LST has grown and blossomed into such a major regional attraction for both performers and audience members. The magic of outdoor theatre in this gorgeous, natural setting simply can't be beat, which is part of what brings people back again and again. Though we may hold our collective breath when dark clouds roll over head, not to mention braving high temperatures and wild critters, everyone seems to enjoy the novelty of experiencing quality musical theatre, live, outdoors and under the stars."

Mausser feels that the story of Little Women is simply a timeless



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classic, with beloved and relatable characters, and universal themes of love, loss, duty, dreams, and, ultimately, the importance of family. She states, "My hope is that Jo March's passionate desire to travel, experience new challenges, tell great stories, and be true to herself can inspire all of us in our own lives. I'm glad this story keeps being reinvented and reimagined over the years so new generations of young people can experience it in new and exciting ways." She feels that this musical version, with a gorgeous and memorable score, is truly a triumph. "There are moments of incredible joy and fun, but also very real grief and sadness, and virtually everything in between," she explains.

Mausser is delighted to be working with such a talented and skilled group of performers. "She says, "they are dedicated to their craft and to bringing their characters to life with passion and authenticity." She also feels that this year's LST company is really something special. "Though the actors come from all over, they have bonded quickly during the short and intense rehearsal period, and I think that chemistry will be apparent onstage." She describes that she has made some wonderful memories with the cast already, and is certain they will continue to amaze and inspire her as the summer goes on.

Mausser explains that she always knew that theatre was her passion, and feels very fortunate to live in an area with such a rich performing arts community, since the area between Leavenworth and Wenatchee provides so many opportunities to be creative and to surround yourself with so many wonderfully talented and collaborative people. For her theatre is beautifully unique because

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Swank wants to be your U.S. Senator

By GARY BÉGIN

NCW Managing Editor Gary Bégin interviewed Army veteran Keith Swank, who is running as a Republican for U.S. Senate against longtime incumbent Democrat Maria Cantwell, if he gets through the primary. The following are Swank's answers to a variety of questions:

NCW Media: Why do you want to be our Senator?

Keith Swank: The establishment has been obstructing President Trump from keeping his promises to us. It's time we "Pull the Plug, and Drain the Swamp!"

NCW Media: How has your life experience made you ready to tackle D.C.?

Swank: I am a U.S. Army Airborne infantryman, and a twenty-eight year veteran commander of the

Seattle Police Department. I have been wearing a uniform my entire adult life defending America and our communities, and I will defend you in Washington, D.C.

As a commander I make decisions that could possibly be life or death. My experiences of making serious decisions has given me the ability to make sound decisions.

Here are some of the decisions I will make in Washington, D.C.: no tax increases, no infringement on the 2nd amendment, immediately build the wall, yes for energy independence, yes to stop the out of control spending.

NCW Media: What Washington State issues will you bring to D.C.?

Swank: Border security is national security. Drug cartels, drugs, and violent gangs are pouring over our borders. Last year 4,500 Americans were killed by illegal aliens, and

65,000 died from drug overdoses. We need to stop the violence and drugs from crossing into our country.

NCW Media: In regards to Hirst & McCleary, are there any federal unfunded government mandates you would change to benefit the 8th District?

Swank: I think these issues are best handled at the state and local level. The federal government should not be involved. That being said, I do not like the Hirst decision, and I think the McCleary decision is wrong headed. We keep spending money on education (\$11,000 per student) and our graduation rate keeps declining. This is also a state issue, and the federal government should stay out of schools. Let the school districts and parents decide what is best for our children. I do support charter schools, home schooling, vouchers, and other

choices for parents. Competition will improve education.

NCW Media: How do you feel about DACA and immigration issues as a whole?

Swank: I do not support amnesty in any form. I believe that we need to curtail our guest worker programs and decrease immigration. At one time we needed immigration to build this country, but now we have 330 million people in the country so we don't need to import others. America has "Dreamers". I'm for American "Dreamers".

NCW Media: Are you in favor of tariffs against both ally and foe?

Swank: I believe that other countries have taken advantage of the United States for too long, and we need to level the playing field. I think tariffs will be adjusted as we negotiate trade deals, and in the end we will be better off.

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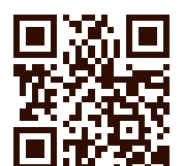
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What Did Vlad Say to the Queen?

Picture this angle on what just happened in Helsinki: Our man "T" thinks he is still with the Queen of England having high "T" (it might have been low, but that's another story).



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GARY BÉGIN
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Three days later, Vlad sees this unbelievable zombie-like caricature of Trump as himself, sipping Tetley's from painted porcelain with this old lady, far richer in every way than he himself is, was or will ever be.

The Queen carries the qualities Don can only dream of and so he channels her spirit when he gets to meet Vlad.

He asks Vlad, "so what's this about the Crimea, old boy?"

"Nunya," laughs Czar 2018, "as in Nunya business Orange-Hair (He said this in Russian).

Don laughed too. "Hey Vlad, you wanna hear a joke?"

"But of course my raccoon-faced little boy," Vlad chirped to his amore.

Well Vlad, when my government wanted me to serve in that Asian mess back in the '60's I paid a few doctors and quickly developed bone spurs. Here's the funny part, it never stopped me from playing golf or womanizing," ha, ha, ha.

"You da man, Donald, no regulations stand in your way. Hey ya wanna catch the Bolshoi tonight in my private suite? I have a few super models just dying to meet you, Donny."

"Da" laughed Trump. ("yes" in Russian)

"Hey Vlad, I got another laugh. Next month I'm going on national television on Fox and Friends announcing that all of this time when I said the word "collusion" I really meant "contusion", ya know like a concussion.

I'm going to tell the world why I can no longer function as president and will therefore resign in favor of Vice President Mike Pence.

Remember, there was no collusion, it was a contusion all along. Yeah, that's what I really meant. Hey, can't a guy make a mistake here and there?

You know contusions on the head really mess people up.

Hey Fake News, I'm talking to you! Why didn't they take the servers. The servers Vlad, why didn't the FBI take the servers?"

"There, there Don, you know

you still my boy, don't you?" Vlad said, trying to soothe him.

"Let me get you some power deep massage from Natasha. Yo Nat, Donny needs some of your deep muscle magic," Vlad commanded.

"Vlad," said The Don, "You're so good to me. One day I will repay you."

"You got dat right my little kindred spirit, I'm sure one day you vill."

Meanwhile, back in Buckingham Palace ... Your Highness, we have tried everything, but still can't remove that smell of entitlement most Americans have, from lingering in the royal tapestries.

"Egads, I will have to retire to one of my country homes near the sea so I can breathe properly," murmured the Queen.

"I'm afraid the nouveau riche can never get over the fact that money does not equate to credibility or dignity, but I guess they must keep trying to mimic royalty as is found in the States. Such will always be their lot in life," Queen-apparently-for-life Elizabeth despaired.

"Such will always be their lot in life."

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was I in Scandinavia?" The Donald suddenly started awake after a long snooze on AF-Uno.

"Sir, you were just there (and it isn't part of Scandinavia)" thought the aid who never corrected his boss.

"Are we in Mar a Lago yet?" "Sir, we are headed to a brief bit of work at the WH first (in order to roll back everything you ever said in the last week)," said the aid.

"Ok. I don't want to miss my 8 a.m. tee time with Vlad."

"Sir, Mr. Putin is not visiting until the fall (he really does have a contusion)," said the

aid. "Fall, yes, I had a great Fall. What year was that, oh yeah, when I tromped Hillary in the Electoral College. Boy, those were the days my friend, I thought they'd never end," Trump started whistling.

(Don't worry Mr. President. They have never ended) mused the aid, in silent vigil, holding a cold-wet towel on his Liege Lord's forehead.

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Village Voices to Kick Off Season with Picnic for New Members

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The Leavenworth Villages Voices (LVV) invites prospective and returning members to the fourth annual Season Opener Picnic on Monday, August 13, at Lions Club Park in Leavenworth from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. LVV members will provide food and beverages (as well as guitar accompaniment for a sing-along!).

The picnic has been a great success, with several talented new members joining the choir in recent years. The event offers an opportunity for people who are considering joining and want to learn more about the group and level of commitment before making a decision.

The Leavenworth Village Voices is a community choir. If worries about an audition or not knowing how to read music have kept you from joining in the past, have no fear. There are no auditions and reading music is not required. Practice CDs are provided so that parts may be learned by ear.

"We strive to achieve a balance of performance excellence while remaining a true community choir where everyone is welcome," says Larry Henderson, now in his 18th year as Director. Anyone who can commit to regularly attending rehearsals, practicing between rehearsals, and memorizing their music and lyrics is welcome to join.

The Leavenworth Village Voices is a nonprofit organization founded in 1982 by the late Eleanor Culling. She dreamt of forming a community choir of men and women who share a passion

for singing. The LVV is honored and excited to keep Culling's dream alive, with the group embarking on its 36th season. Members love to share the joy and peace of Christmas music while contributing to Leavenworth's Bavarian theme and festive atmosphere.

Since 2015 the LVV has performed exclusively during the Christmas season. In addition to the annual "Christmas in the Mountains" concert series, the choir will perform during Christkindlmarkt and the Christmas Lighting Festival, including caroling in small groups downtown to spread Christmas cheer.

LVV also entertains privately for tour groups, caregiving facilities, and charity events. The Ladies' Ensemble—a voluntary subset of the choir—performs at additional festivals and functions throughout the year.

LVV rehearsals take place on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Leavenworth Community United Methodist Church, located at 418 Evans Street in Leavenworth. The first rehearsal is on August 20.

Anyone who is interested in joining the LVV but is unable to make the picnic is welcome to attend the first rehearsal. For additional information, send us a message on Facebook or visit www.leavenworthvillagevoices.org and go to the "Contact Us" tab.

The 2018 "Christmas in the Mountains" concert series will be held at the Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene on Friday, November 30, Friday, December 7, and Sunday, December 9. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce by calling (509) 548-5807.



The Leavenworth Village Voices' 2017 "Christmas in the Mountains" concert at the Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. Members shown are: (top row) Keith Henning, Dan Sidebottom, Howard Bumgarner, John Scott, Ted Fredericks, David Larson; (third row) Peggy Smallwood, Allison Bergstrom, Carolyn Giger, Dick Tabbutt, Strode Weaver; (second row) Betsy Steele, Barbara Sorenson, Julia Pinnix, Rachelle McCann; (first row) Carol Henderson, Eileen Groby, Patty Varner, and Lana Larson.

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Puppet Making Workshop

The NCRL Puppeteers will be at the Cashmere Library, 300 Woodring St., on Thursday July 26, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. No cost. Come make a puppet with one of NCRL's puppeteers and learn some tips for creating your own puppet show! (r30)

Storymakers: Making your own awesome story!

Dan Gemeinhart will be at the Cashmere Library on Monday, July 30, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. No cost. Everyone has a story to tell! Join kid-lit author Dan

Gemeinhart in a hands-on, build-your-own-story workshop. Kids and teens will learn about the different pieces that make up a great story then put those pieces together to begin writing their very own super story. Materials will be provided, all you'll need to bring is your creativity and imagination! Best for kids and teens going into 2nd-8th grade.(r30)

NCRL Puppet Show

Join the NCRL Puppeteers on Tuesday, July 31, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Cashmere Public Library, 300 Woodring St. The whole family will love watching these funny puppets perform! (r30) Spend the evening listening to songs that bring back memories! The theme is "fun times." Pick a song that makes you think of a fun experience in your life and submit it to the library ahead of time so we can download it. We'll play each song and give you a chance to share a

Library Concert Hour: Fun Times!

memory associated with it. Light refreshments provided. (r30)

Leavenworth

Friends of Leavenworth meeting

The public is invited to the Friends of Leavenworth meeting on Thursday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Leavenworth Fire Hall, 228 Chumstick. Presentation and discussion topics will focus on the Adventure Park, along with updates on other known large-impacting development and traffic issues. More information is available at www.friendsofleavenworth.org. (e30)

Leavenworth Lions Club Community Breakfast

The Leavenworth Lions Club is holding a community breakfast this Saturday, July 28, 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the Lions Club Park. All-You-Can-Eat pancakes, eggs cooked to order, sausage, coffee, tea, and milk. Only \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 4-10, free for children under 4, and free for active military with ID. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast and visit with your local community members. Purchase a Punch Card for \$39 from any Lion member or at the breakfasts. It is good for six adult breakfasts. Free parking for breakfast is next door at the City Hall lot. For more information, text or call Conrad Delury at 509-387-5051.(e30)

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Dryden

Family Gospel Concert

Mid Valley Baptist Church, 8345 Stine Hill Road in Dryden, on Friday, July 27, 7 p.m. This will be a time of inspiration and worship in song. The Mark Dubbeld family from Moneta, Virginia it is a full time Gospel Ministry. No admission charge, but a love offering will be taken.(er30)

Peshastin Library Ice Cream Social

Peshastin Library's annual Ice Cream Social is Saturday, July 28 from 7-9 p.m. Enjoy cake, pie, ice cream, punch,

and coffee on the library lawn while visiting with friends and neighbors. The Saddle Rockers featuring Jac Tiechner, Dave Notter, Bruce McWhirter, Paul O'Connell and Chris Rader will be performing a lively blend of bluegrass, country swing, and vintage rock. Children can ride the auxiliary fire truck thanks to the Peshastin Volunteer Fire Department. Jump for Fun will have a bouncer for children and there will be a fishing pond.

Plain

Auditions for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Will be on August 1, 10:00 a.m.(revised date) in Burgess Hall located next to the Plain Community Church. Ages 5 to 18. Performances are scheduled for Sept. 7 and 8 at the Ponderosa Clubhouse in Plain. Contact Kari 509-881-1152 (e28,29)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 25

8:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m., Play and Learn Group, Peshastin HeadStart. Call Cheby, 548-7614. 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Cashmere Public Library hours. 10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m., Preschool Storytime, Cashmere Public Library. Noon, Cashmere Rotary Club. Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 303 Maple Street. Karen Jackson president.

Thursday, July 26

11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m., Cashmere Public Library Hours. 2:00 p.m., Deborah's Bilingual Storytime. 3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group, Cashmere, For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss, The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. 4:00 p.m., Knights of Veritas. 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m., Free weekly Community meal, Cashmere United Methodist Church Gym, 213 S. Division Street. 6:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m., Cashmere Sportsmen's Gun Club. Shooting range on Turkey Shoot Road. Call Brian, 782-3099. 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Al-Anon Family Group Meeting for families and friends of alcoholics. Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 303 Maple Street. All are welcome.

Friday, July 27

9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Cashmere Public Library hours. 10:30 a.m.- 11:00 p.m., Baby/Toddler Story time, Cashmere Public Library. 2:30 p.m., Bilingual Family Crafts and Activities. 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Evergreen Baptist Church Youth Group (ages 13-20), 5837 Evergreen Drive. Call 782-1662.

Saturday, July 28

9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Cashmere Public Library hours.

Sunday, July 29

Check the Church page for local services times. Cashmere Public Library closed. 6:00 p.m., The Underground, youth group for high schoolers. Christ Center, 206 Vine Street. Call Steffanie, 782-2825.

Monday, July 30

9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Cashmere Public Library. 4:00 p.m., Eric Ode. 6:30 p.m. Young Life Club, open to all high school age students. Call T.J. Kaapuni. 509-679-3247. 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Boy Scout building, 201 Riverside Drive. Call Scoutmaster, Jim Kill. 783-3513.

Tuesday, July 31

9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Cashmere Public Library. 2:00 p.m., Puppet Show. 2:30 p.m., Cuentos en Español. 3:00 p.m., PUD Program.

Ongoing events

Cashmere Public Library: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Sunday: closed. Baby/toddler Storytime 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.. Other Storytimes call 782-3314. Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village: Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Sunday, Noon- 4:00 p.m.

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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

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SWIMMERS of the Week



Brooklyn Biber age 7 Brooklyn is a super 7 year old! On cold mornings Brooklyn wears a wet suit and a long sleeved swim shirt. Wow that is a lot of drag! When she takes off her shield of armor, watch out- she is our super girl! Congratulations Brooklyn!

Ben Newman age 9

Ben is a first year team member. He strives to improve, always asking, "How did I do coach?" You do AWESOME Ben! Congratulations Ben!



The Cashmere Swim Team, which practices at the Cashmere Municipal Pool, is part of the Wenatchee Valley Summer Swim League, which also includes teams from Ephrata, Quincy, Leavenworth, Waterville and the Wenatchee Racquet & Athletic Club. The season runs six weeks, from the first practice on June 18 to championships set for July 28. Meets are generally held at 6 p.m. Thursdays. The Cashmere team has three coaches this season — Head Coaches Harrison Collett and Kim Krumvieda-Buchan, and assistant coach Aster Dotson. For information on the team, go to http://wvssl.org/index.php?p=1_22

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OBITUARY

Darline Kingman-Weigang



A lifelong Wenatchee Valley resident died at the age of 98 at Central Washington Hospital. Darline was born in Cashmere to George and Eva Schmitt. She was valedictorian and scholar at Cashmere High School. She went on to graduate from Washington State University in Business and Economics. She was a champion swimmer in both high school and college. When her college professor was drafted during World War II she took over two of his classes. While she was at college she married Perry Bye Langford. They had 4 children together. During World War II she worked at the family's saw mill (box factory). Darline later became a part owner of Schmitt Lumber Company in Cashmere. When Darline's husband died she married Elwyn (Snuffy) Kingman. Along with that marriage came Elwyn's children David and Gail Kingman. She was a champion golfer player in Washington and California, volunteer, skeet marksman, traveler, bridge player, seamstress, Rainbow Advisor, excellent bowler, competitive swimmer, dancer, homemaker, great cook, and mother. Darline was involved in a number of community activities. Later in life she sold her home in Cashmere and her, and Snuffy

Preaching the Word

There has been a bit of controversy that has been filling my news feed lately regarding a Gospel singer and an extremely popular actress/television host. Allow me to catch you up. A Gospel singer named, Kim Burrell spoke (rather passionately) at a church where she addressed the sin of homosexuality, calling it perversion and saying to people that there is freedom from that sin in Christ. Now she was slated to appear on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and when it was exposed what Kim Burrell had said, Ellen rescinded Kim's invitation and then proceeded to discuss with another well-known singer how we all need to be loving and tolerant, with the singer agreeing and replying "God is love".



A WALK WITH PASTOR JOHN SMITH

Now there are several areas of which I could address regarding this situation, but I want to speak more broadly on what Kim Burrell was trying to do rather than what specifically was said. What Kim Burrell was attempting to do was to preach the Word of God and that activity alone is highly offensive. Preaching, unlike other forms of communication, intends to rattle the soul and expose the depravity of man's nature in light of God's word. The preacher, in effect is the one who holds the mirror to the listener showing them their miserable condition and at the same time pointing to the remedy. The revivalist George Whitefield once was quoted saying "It is a poor sermon that gives no offense; that neither makes the hearer displeased neither with

himself nor with the preacher". Preaching is hardly a relaxed persuasive speech or talk; it is however, like a bolt of lightning, when it descends it brings both heat and light. Preaching like that has never been main stream or received well by the majority. Yes men like George Whitefield preached to thousands in the open air, Charles Spurgeon (who would be called the "Prince of Preachers") packed out churches and Billy Graham filled stadiums all across the globe yet for the most part, these men and many others like them and their "preaching" were regarded by their contemporaries as well as many today, as fools blustering out absurdities. There is indeed a foolishness to preaching. In 1 Corinthians 1:23, Paul says "we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles..." Why is preaching considered foolish

to the unbelieving world? To expand on the answer that Paul gives in verse 27 where it says "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise..." is that preaching breaks every rule of public speaking in regards to winning your audience. Preaching in essence, takes the book "How to Win Friends and Influence People" and chucks it out the window because popularity or persuasion is not the ultimate objective, faithfulness to the command of Scripture and the proclamation of truth are the main goals. What Kim Burrell said about sin was highly offensive. However, how else do we expect people who feel that their lives are okay and regardless of personal choices that we all should "live and let live and love and let love" respond when someone says that framework is destructive or call, as the Bible calls, sinful? Of course they are going to be offended! What Kim Burrell was trying to do behind a pulpit, was to speak about the salient sins of the day as would any preacher. Now whether or not she belongs behind a pulpit is beyond the scope of this

column, but one thing is for sure that Biblically speaking about sin, she was dead on. In fact all this uproar about what she said coming from the media is understood. Again what do we expect from those who are "perishing" and are "naturally minded"(1 Cor. 1:20, 2:14)? To those who would call Kim Burrell a "bigot", "hateful" or "unloving", what they would call Jesus if he were here today. Jesus, the most loving and compassionate person that has ever existed or will ever exist addressed the heinousness of sin and called for people to turn away from it (Mk 1:15). He was not bashful in saying that those who don't will indeed make their abode in Hell. I don't have to wonder what would happen to Jesus if he were here today. 2000 years ago, he came to this earth and was persecuted and eventually crucified for telling the truth. The same fate awaits anyone who is bold to tell the truth and point people to the Truth.

Pastor John Smith of Evergreen Baptist Church in Cashmere can be reached at pastorjohnsmithebc@gmail.com.



Swank

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NCW Media: Is the embassy being placed in Jerusalem a problem to you? Swank: I believe that our embassy should be in Jerusalem. NCW Media: Should the U.S. withdraw from NATO? Swank: I don't think we should withdraw from NATO, but member countries need to pay their fair share with their blood and money. The United States has had to save Europe twice in the last century. We don't need any of those countries telling us

how to do anything. Europe is being invaded by people from the Middle East, and we will probably have to save Europe again. NCW Media: What about Iraq and Afghanistan? Stay or leave or something in the middle? Swank: If we go to war, it should be declared, and we should fight to win. If not, then get out. Let the Generals and experts decide how to win the war, not the politicians in D.C. NCW Media: Is gun violence/safety/rights something you would address if elected? Swank: I am a staunch supporter of the 2nd Amendment. I believe that law abiding citizens should be able

to carry a gun in all 50 states. I don't believe in "gun free" zones. "Gun free" zones are places where terrorists and the mentally deranged can kill our families. The Second Amendment is necessary to preserve the other Amendments, and to keep a tyrannical government from imposing its will on the citizens. NCW Media: Tell the readers about yourself: Passions, hobbies, family, education, etc. Swank: I am married with four children from age 26 to 13. My oldest son graduated from USMA (West Point) and is a 1st Lieutenant in the Army. My oldest daughter is a college graduate and is currently

working in the tech field. My third child (son) is a sophomore in college studying to become a doctor, and my youngest is going into 8th grade. My wife is training to become a real estate appraiser. I graduated from the University of Washington with a BS in psychology. I am a 28 year veteran of the Seattle Police Department. Currently I am the night duty commander (Captain). That means I am the highest ranking officer in the city at night time. I oversee all Officers, Sergeants, and Lieutenants during my shift. Each year I spend about two weeks in the woods chasing deer and elk. Someday I would like to retire and add fishing to my hobbies.

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CIDERFEST Comes To Cashmere

By RHONA BARON

The majority of the Wenatchee Valley's hard cider makers will be in Cashmere this weekend pouring their samples at The Big Chill Ciderfest. Eleven cideries will participate in the first time event, slated for July 28 from 4-10pm. The Big Chill is being erected in the parking lot of Liberty Orchards on Mission Avenue.

Visitors will enjoy cider tasting, a lounge area in the mister cooled "chill pavilion," free games like the bean bag toss and an exhibit on cider making from the Cashmere Museum. Food concessions on site include The Wild Boar serving brats, potato salad and beverages, Kanoa Shave Ice, and Chris & Becks Pitas serving a variety of sandwiches and sides. Led by Sergio Cuevas and Markus Hoyer, a live trio will perform from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, and a comprehensive selection of bottled local ciders will be available for sale.

The Big Chill will feature apple ciders, pearies and cherry ciders. Participating cider makers are Centre Ring, Longdrop Cider Co., Phillippi Fruit Company, Rootwood Cider, Snowdrift Cider, Steelhead Cider, Bad Granny Hard Cider, PearUp, Manchester Road, Archibald James Cider Works, and Barns Etc. Hard Cider Shed.

Barns Etc Hard Cider Shed and Archibald James Cider



Archibald James Ciderworks partners Seth Cohen, Jason Schilling, and Bryan Noyd are preparing to crush their first batch of apples earlier this spring.



Sergio Cuevas (band leader) will perform at Cider Fest on Saturday.

Works are based in Cashmere.


Paula Fredricks, owner of Barns Etc, is a Cashmere artist who turned her gallery into a tasting site. She and her husband have been serving their Country Elegance Heirloom Blend hard ciders for six years. They use rare heirloom apples and fruit to develop a complex taste profile with English dry cider making technique.

Archibald James Cider Works, new to the cider industry, will debut three ciders at the Big Chill: Smashapple, Dry Sider and Cerise Seche. They have been developing a series of small-batch ciders over the past 6 months in their facility in Yaksum Canyon. Using organic apples, the fermentation process occurs in stainless tanks and oak barrels. Archibald James ciders range from traditional styles to seasonal fruit co-fermentations with a focus on the dry side of the flavor profile.

Cascade Farmlands, the non profit host of the event, has been working with Gina Imperto and the team at the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce since last fall to debut Chelan and Douglas County ciders to the public. Their vision is to position the Apple Capital region as a leading hard cider destination in the Pacific Northwest, and to place Cashmere at the heart of the annual tasting event.

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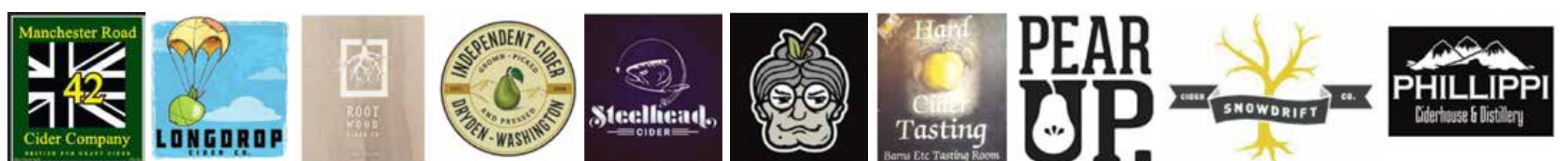
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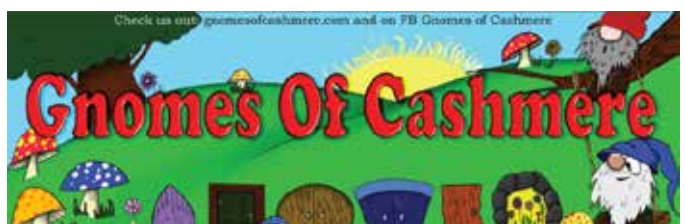
Tickets to the Big Chill Ciderfest are \$30 per single and \$55 per couple and can be purchased at the event or online now at cascadefarmlands.com. Entry to the Big Chill includes a commemorative tasting glass and totebag, twelve taste tickets and a thirteenth taste



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The Atwood family rocks the stage with a resounding rendition of the the My Fair Lady classic. From left, Mason Atwood, Maddy Atwood, Paul Atwood at Alfred P. Doolittle, Ally Atwood.

'My Fair Lady' will make your heart sing

By BILL FORHAN

Leavenworth Summer Theater's production of Lerner and Loewe's famous musical 'My Fair Lady' is a truly delightful evening of laughter and uplifting musical theater. The performances are flawless.

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The athletic dance routines by Paul Atwood as Alfred P. Doolittle will leave you

thoroughly exhausted but smiling from ear to ear. His performance of 'I'm Getting Married in the Morning' is especially memorable. It takes the entire cast for that one scene alone.

Liz Oyama plays Eliza. Her transformation from a lowly flower girl to a princess is

charming. It is a classic story with great acting, high energy and humor, another Leavenworth Summer Theater masterpiece.

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Alan Fahnestock

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follow. I'm actually not a big fan of tourism as an economic driver: the employment it tends to offer is often seasonal and ill-paid. But it's part of reality.

NCW Media: How do you feel about tariffs in regards to the economic importance of agriculture to the district?

Fahnestock: Tariffs are, almost categorically, a stupid idea. Economists figured that out a century or more ago. For all practical purposes, within an increasingly interconnected global

market, tariffs are simply an indirect tax on the population of the country that institutes them.

Washington has more trade with China than any other state, according to a recent study I read. To put it plainly, Washington is going to get screwed, especially the agricultural sector, if the current tariff regime is continued.

NCW Media: Do you have an opinion about the cannabis industry or Bitcoin and how it can be helped (or not)?

Fahnestock: I have opinions about practically everything. That said, the two industries are not entirely analogous.

Cannabis production will

eventually settle down into a more or less standard-issue agricultural industry; it is already doing so, with economies of scale weeding out the small producers, and factors of production gradually reaching economic equilibrium. Implementation of the laws and ordinances was an awful mess, for a number of reasons, but that, too, will get sorted out without major incident. I'm reasonably confident that, in the near-to-mid term, the subject will become seriously boring.

Bitcoin on the other hand, is going to be a huge mess for the foreseeable future: I'm a fairly technical guy, but I only

vaguely understand block-chain; moreover, the implications of an alternative currency are hugely problematic. In the near term, however, the biggest issue for LD-12 is power consumption, and that needs to be dealt with ASAP, possibly by imposition of surcharges for "excessive" power consumption. As it stands now, the local consumer is effectively subsidizing an industry that employs practically nobody and brings nothing tangible to the local economy.

NCW Media: Feel free to tell the readers about yourself: Family, hobbies, passions, education, etc.

Fahnestock: I'm a 63-year-

old former telecommunications executive, former academic, and former drunk. I spent college and a decade afterward being, basically, a bum. Then I cleaned-up my act, got a couple of advanced degrees, worked in Russia for most of a decade, built cellular systems all over the world, and retired to the Methow

Valley in 2007. I'm not rich, but I'm not hurting. I am a fairly accomplished woodworker and builder, a mediocre musician, and a volunteer fireman for Okanogan County. My only real passion is for a completely amazing woman who, once upon a time, decided to marry me, apparently on purpose.

'Little Women'

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it is live, in the moment and ephemeral. She states that no two performances are exactly alike nor should they be. The relationship between actors and audience is difference each night, which creates so many varied and wonderful memories that can last a lifetime.

If she is not active in the theater world, she can be found working in Accounts Payable for Valley Tractor and Rentals in East Wenatchee. She delights in spending time with her husband David and their two dogs buddy and Tux. Performances are at the Sky Hill Amphitheater, Tuesday, July 31 and August 4, 9, 16, 21, 24 and 30.

2018 Little Women Cast: Jo March: Madison Zerk, Meg March: Michela Muñoz, Beth March: Victoria Smith, Amy March: Rebecca Gray, Laurie Laurence: Mason Atwood, Marmee March: Daina Toevs, Professor Bhaer: Christopher Puckett, John Brooke: Michael McCormick, Aunt March/ Mrs. Kirk: Ally Atwood, Mr. Laurence: Gary Hesse, Clarissa: Michela Muñoz, Braxton: Peter Knickerbocker, Rodrigo: Mason Atwood, Troll: Marina Pierce, Hag: Julie Davis, Knight: John Wagner, Rodrigo II: Victoria Smith, Understudies: Jo: Liz Oyama, Beth: Rebecca Gray, Amy: Marina Pierce, Marmee/ Aunt March/Mrs. Kirk: Julie Davis, John Brooke/Professor Bhaer: Peter Knickerbocker, Mr. Laurence: John Wagner.

'Independent Centrist' Grassie wants 8th District Congressional seat

By GARY BÉGIN

NCW Media Managing Editor Gary Bégin interviewed 8th District Congressional candidate Bill Grassie recently to get his take on a variety of issues. His answers follow:

NCW Media: Why do you want to be our Congressman?

Bill Grassie: I entered this race as an Independent Centrist because our democracy is at risk. We must find ways to hold our public servants accountable for positive outcomes rather than tolerating abuses of political power. Today, campaigns are won by dividing us. The only way to end this norm is to upend the broken two-party system.

For the second year in a row, the U.S. has been ranked as a flawed democracy. This should give us pause, as should the fact that Congress has an approval rating near 20%. The fault lies in the nature of the two-party system, even when we elect good people.

Changing the system will require pressure from outside the two major parties to overcome the dysfunction and hypocrisy on which Congress thrives. We must minimize partisanship and special interest influence to effect positive change.

NCW Media: How has your experience made you ready to tackle D.C.?

Grassie: I recently retired from a 30-year career with executive level experience at Microsoft, Dell and Sprint and am now a small business owner with agricultural roots. This uniquely qualifies me to represent the WA District 8 as I not only understand the needs and concerns of the district, but I have lived them. The majority of my experience in high tech was in developing programs that took the best parts of capitalism (innovation and competitiveness) and leveraged those motivating factors to work in the best interest of the individual and organization for the greater good.

NCW Media: What Washington State issues will you bring to D.C.?

Grassie: Healthcare, Environment, Immigration, Education, Global Trade Business.

NCW Media: In regards to Hirst and McCleary, are there any federal unfunded government mandates you would change to benefit the 8th District?

Grassie: I don't generally support unfunded federal government mandates. I believe education is an obligation of state and local governments and should be funded at that level. If a federal mandate is required there should be a funding source identified at the onset. I do support federally mandated minimum education standards developed in partnership with state and local leaders. Minimum standards must reflect the high-quality education we would expect and require for this country. If we can evaluate and debate these standards in a non-partisan way, our federal, state and local leaders will be able to achieve a solution that appropriately funds our educational priorities from the proper sources.

NCW Media: How do you feel about DACA and immigration issues as a whole?

Grassie: I support DACA and believe Dreamers should have a path to citizenship. I am pro-immigration as I believe our country becomes stronger when we welcome the best and brightest to our borders. This country was built on immigrants. It has become obvious our immigration laws are broken. I support tighter border security, but not the wall, as I think there are better ways to spend our tax dollars and a wall would not be effective against the most dangerous. We need to improve our migrant labor laws to allow those who are willing to work in this country on a temporary basis, doing jobs that American's

don't seem to want to do, with the ability to move across the border without fear of being kept from returning when they go home. I support a path to citizenship for the Dreamers. I do not support separating children from their parents at the border when their only crime is entering the U.S. illegally.

NCW Media: Are you in favor of tariffs against both ally and foe?

Grassie: I do not support the present Administration's trade policies. Current policies are hurting the U.S. and our Allies and helping China and Russia.

NCW Media: Is the embassy being placed in Jerusalem a problem to you?

Grassie: No, however, whether your goal is a two-state solution or just peace in the region, I don't believe moving the embassy to Jerusalem gets us further to those goals. We could have remained a strong ally with Israel without such a move.

NCW Media: Should the U.S. withdraw from NATO?

Grassie: We should not withdraw from NATO, and on a related note Russia should not be allowed back in the G7.

NCW Media: What about Iraq and Afghanistan? Stay or leave or something in the middle?

Grassie: We should stay as long as it takes to stabilize the countries.

NCW Media: Is gun violence/safety/rights something you would

address if elected?

Grassie: As with most issues we face there is an ideal middle ground. I support the Second Amendment and have no desire to take guns away from law abiding citizens. Of the solutions being discussed, a step too far for me is a national gun registry. I don't want the federal government to know if or how many guns I own. On the other side of the conversation, I believe there are many common-sense gun laws that will not infringe on anyone's Second Amendment rights, including improving background checks, enacting red flag laws, investing in smart guns, supporting anti-violence programs, investing in mental health, funding CDC data collection and analysis and enforcing gun laws already on the books. I am tired of hearing, "Now is not the time to talk about this." The only better time than now is yesterday or the day before.

NCW Media: Tell the readers about yourself: Passions, hobbies, family, education, etc.

Grassie:

• Father and Grandfather: I have three successful children and four wonderful grandchildren.

• Lover of the outdoors: I am an avid backpacker and a master gardener. Washington is a beautiful state, and protection of the environment is important to me.

• Small Business Owner: I started my winery, William Grassie Wine Estates, in 2011, and produce award-winning wines

exclusively Columbia Valley grapes. I understand the issues small businesses face.

• An Independent: I do not identify with the present hyper-partisan environment, and I believe a new approach is needed.

• Born and raised in Kansas, I started hauling hay at age of 13 (when I didn't weigh much more than the bales of hay). To earn money for college, I took a job at 16 as a city department head. Fortunately for me, college was much more affordable then. I put myself through college working during the summer and owning a small business. I graduated with a Business and Economics Degree from Pittsburgh State University and continued on to obtain my MBA from the University of Kansas.

I have also achieved success in the corporate world with a career that spanned 30 years including executive experience at Microsoft, Dell, and Sprint. In fact, I moved to Fall City and the 8th District in 2006 to work for Microsoft and still reside in that peaceful setting up the hill from the Snoqualmie River.

In the last several years I have returned to my roots by starting and growing my winery. I enjoy the wine-making process because it is creative and keeps me grounded.

If you are tired of the partisan bickering that defines Washington, D.C., I invite you to take a closer look at 'Your Independent Voice', Bill Grassie, in the 8th Congressional District.