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Exploring Washington's Beauty: Photography gallery set to open in downtown Leavenworth this spring



COURTESY OF PETER JAMES

Photographer Peter James has spent decades photographing Washington State, but has recently dedicated his time to capturing the beauty surrounding Leavenworth.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH — Downtown will be welcoming its newest gallery this spring. Peter James Photography will feature nature photography specific to Washington State showcased on “larger than life” metal prints.

“I think most people have had at least one experience in nature where they were just really deeply moved. And that’s actually the goal of all my photography, is to recreate that, like let them viscerally have that experience on a daily basis,” said Photographer Peter James.

The 2,200 square foot showroom will be located at 633 Front Street, demarcated by a mural of Mt. Rainier and a photographer in lederhosen above its doors. The real showpiece, however, will be a six-foot by nine-foot print of Colchuck Lake and Dragontail Peak, displayed for visitors to see as they first walk in.

“My vision for the gallery is to be like a sanctuary for Washington State’s beauty, where people can come in and just actually have their spirits lifted,” said James.

The gallery will be designed for visitors to stay awhile, with a consultation lounge, an outdoor balcony overlooking the river, and a



COURTESY OF PETER JAMES

A mock up of the gallery storefront at 633 Front Street, which is slated to open April 2024.

gift shop. The photos are incredibly high resolution, allowing for some prints to be custom-made up to eight feet tall by 30 feet wide. For smaller walls, two feet and smaller prints will be available to take home or shipped from the gallery. The metal print allows for extra durability and can be given a finish that makes it suitable for an outdoor space.

Early in his career, James realized that many photographers were traveling the world to take the same photos as everyone else. When he moved to Bellingham in 2002, he decided to dedicate his time to only photographing Washington, looking for hidden gems and new takes on

iconic locations.

James has had a gallery in Bellingham for the last five years but was looking to grow. During one of many visits over the decades, he decided that Leavenworth would be the perfect place for a second gallery. He spent the last year walking up and down Front Street, talking to shop owners, and waiting for an opening.

“Honestly, I would have waited three years. I would have waited as long as it took. I knew in my heart that it was meant to happen. Washingtonians and visitors to

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City Council approves Public Works and Community Development initiatives, deliberates snow removal and cemetery code

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – City Council approved new downtown garbage bins and a Link Transit restroom in the new Glacier Lot at its meeting on Feb. 12. The City also discussed limiting cemetery burials during winter, expanding sidewalk snow removal requirements, and Planning Commission code consistency, but took no action.

City Council unanimously approved the leasing of 55 Big Belly garbage bins for 60 months, which have the capability to compact trash and be emptied using the City’s automated garbage truck. Ten of the bins have a sensor that will notify Public Works staff when the bin is nearing capacity. The bins will have a one-time shipping fee of \$11,630, and will cost \$5,790 a month to lease. However, Public Works estimates it will save \$7,300 a month in labor.

It also approved the addition of a single stall restroom for Link Transit as part of the Glacier Parking Lot Improvement Project. The single stall will be included in the same building as the public restroom, but will be reserved for Link drivers only. Link Transit will compensate the City up to \$150,000 for the complete design, permitting, construction, and construction services associated with the stall.

The City reviewed and discussed the recommendation to amend the Cemetery Code to not allow a winter burial if there is more than one foot of snow on the ground. The reason to impose the limit was due to cumbersome and expensive snow removal on short notice for full service burials.

According to Public Works Director Tom Wachholder, snow preparation for a winter burial can cost up to \$1,500 in equipment, labor and fuel costs, and risk damaging turf and headstones. Wachholder said recent damage of a double headstone cost approximately \$10,000 to repair. Public Works identified memorial sites that could store remains for \$380 for up to 90 days while the cemetery thawed.

“My initial thought is, one of the base core concepts of the social compact that a city has is that we will take care of our dead, and especially our family members. There’s a part of me that wants to say, figure it out,” said Council Member Clint Strand.

The City concluded to seek other options, such as hiring more full-time cemetery staff. A tentative public hearing on the matter was tabled until more options were explored.

The City also reviewed requirements for sidewalk snow removal. As city code stands, only property owners in commercial districts are responsible for removing snow on the adjacent sidewalk within 24 hours, not those in residential districts. Because of this exclusion, residential sidewalks are often not cleared, posing a problem for ADA compliance. Wachholder recommended including residential property owners in the requirement, due to the fact that Public Works does not have enough staff or resources to double its sidewalk snow maintenance.

“I will note that adding staff may

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Chelan County Commissioners accept Leavenworth's UGA amendments for housing density, complying with state ruling

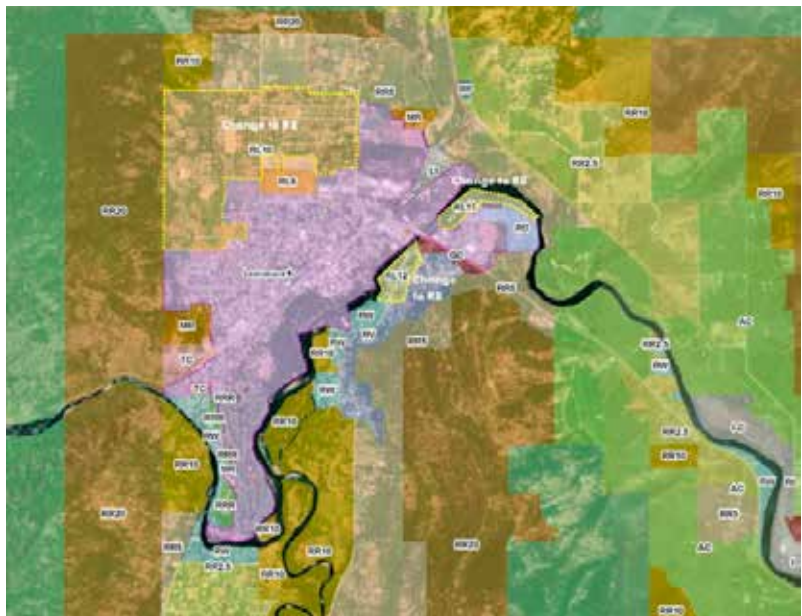
By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – On Feb. 13, the Chelan County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt the City of Leavenworth’s proposed amendments to its urban growth area (UGA), allowing for more housing density in future developments.

However, commissioners were not in support, voting out of compliance with a state ruling.

“While we sincerely hope the amendments create more attainable housing, commissioners do not see these amendments as supporting the construction of workforce housing,”

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COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY

Chelan County Board of Commissioners begrudgingly voted to comply with a Growth Management Board Decision to allow housing density in Leavenworth’s Urban Growth Area (UGA).

Senate allocates \$1.3 Million for Leavenworth affordable housing project



COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

Leavenworth Mayor Carl Florea (left) visits with Sen. Brad Hawkins in Olympia to discuss affordable housing, tourism issues, and capital budget requests.

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OLYMPIA – Sen. Brad Hawkins has secured \$1.3 million in the Senate’s capital budget proposal for the Leavenworth Affordable Rental Project, aimed at preserving 31 apartment units for workforce housing. This funding is part of a broader effort to close the financial gap needed for the property acquisition.

Support for the project includes \$600,000 from the city of Leavenworth, \$860,000 from Chelan County, and an initial \$1 million from the state. The proposed \$1.3 million in the Senate’s budget would complete the funding requirements for the acquisition.

Sen. Hawkins, who sponsored the budget request, expressed his enthusiasm for the Senate’s recognition of the need for affordable housing in Leavenworth. “I’m excited the Senate’s budget recognizes our need for more affordable housing in Leavenworth. This is a unique opportunity thanks to the Marson Family, so I am excited to work with the partners to support the Leavenworth workforce.”

Acknowledging the challenges of this year’s capital budget, Hawkins highlighted the collaborative efforts that contributed to the success of the funding request. “The capital budget this year is

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Sunday bingo

Stein Leavenworth will host Sunday Night Bingo on Feb. 25 from 5-6 p.m.

"Join us for Bingo, Sunday nights at 5 p.m.," the event page states.

For more information visit steinleavenworth.com.

Art in the Park

The Wenatchee Library will host Art in the Park on Monday, Feb. 26 from 4-5 p.m. at Memorial Park in Wenatchee.

"Get your art on," the event page states. "Every month (weather permitting) we will be meeting in the park to try out a new art technique or style. All you need to bring is yourself and your creativity."

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Wednesday birding

The Wenatchee River Institute will host a birding walk around Walla Walla Point Park and the Horan Natural area in Wenatchee on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 7:30-9 a.m.

"All birding skill levels are welcome," the event page states. "Need binoculars? We have loaner binoculars that you can borrow. This is a great opportunity to learn about eBird, the largest biodiversity-related community science project in the world, and utilize it to record our observations of local wild birds."

For more information visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Leavenworth Repair Cafe

Waste Loop will host a Leavenworth Repair Cafe on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 6-8 p.m. at the Wenatchee River Institute.

"Do you have items that need fixing? Repair Cafes are a community space which brings together skilled volunteer fixers and items that need repair, including textiles, small electronics and appliances, and bicycles - fostering community, reducing waste, and boosting the circular economy in NCW," the event page states.

For more information visit wasteloop.org.

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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



Dinosaur World Live

The Numerica Performing Arts Center in Wenatchee will host Dinosaur World Live on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

"A brand new dino-mite adventure," the event page states. "Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World in this

interactive new show for all the family. Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a prehistoric world of astonishing (and remarkably life-like) dinosaurs."

For more information visit numericapac.org.

Celebrating six months of growth and gratitude at The Leavenworth Echo

As we mark the six-month milestone of Ward Media's stewardship of The Leavenworth Echo this month, I find myself reflecting on the journey we've embarked upon since that pivotal day on August 11, 2023. It's been a period of growth, learning, and, most importantly, community engagement. I am immensely grateful for the warm welcome and unwavering support we've received from you, our readers and advertisers.



TERRY WARD
Ward Media
CEO / Publisher

Your positive notes, encouraging phone calls, and emails have been a source of inspiration for our team each week. Furthermore, the steady increase in new subscribers and the loyalty of those renewing their subscriptions have solidified our belief in the value of community journalism.

The past six months have been transformative for The Leavenworth Echo. We embarked on a redesign of the print newspaper,

modernizing its look while preserving the essence that makes it a cherished part of our community. This refresh was not just about aesthetics but also about improving readability and enhancing the overall reader experience.

In addition to the newspaper's redesign, we launched a new website, offering a more dynamic and user-friendly platform for our readers. This digital expansion aims to complement our print edition, providing immediate access to local news, features, and community events. The website underscores our

commitment to keeping our community informed and engaged wherever they are.

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to intensely local news coverage. We believe in the power of local journalism to inform, educate, and unite communities. Our dedication to covering the stories that matter most to you, from local government and school board meetings to community celebrations and individual achievements,

remains unwavering.

As we look to the future, we do so with optimism and a renewed sense of purpose. Our journey thus far has been incredibly rewarding, and it's a journey we don't take for granted. The success of The Leavenworth Echo is a testament to the strength and support of our community.

Thank you for being an integral part of our story. Here's to many more milestones together.

Plain Valley Ski Trails: breaking down barriers for youth skiing



COURTESY OF PLAIN VALLEY SKI TRAILS

Plain Valley Ski Trails in Plain works to make skiing more accessible to local youth by helping to remove financial barriers. All net proceeds from the group go to fund their ski education programs, Plain Valley Nordic Team.

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PLAIN - A local nonprofit, Plain Valley Ski Trails (PVST), works to make skiing more accessible to area youth by helping to remove financial barriers. PVST created and now maintains a high-quality trail system for the community. All net proceeds from PVST help fund their youth ski education program, the Plain Valley Nordic Team.

"PVST is committed to removing barriers to kids participating in our programs," director Christie Saugen said. "It's been a very exciting last few years as our team continues to grow, both in numbers and goals." "We empower all goals from the Little Shredders, our preschool program, through our development layers who are outdoors learning how to be active and good teammates, all the way through to the highest levels of racing opportunities," she said.

The team is currently preparing for the 2024 Cross Country Skiing Junior Nationals in Lake Placid, N.Y., on March 11-16. "Last year, at the 2023 Cross Country Skiing Junior Nationals in Fairbanks, AK, we had our first skier become a national champion and many All-American (top 10) skiers," Saugen said.

"As you can imagine, these trips are expensive for our skiers and families," she said. "We are launching a fundraiser this week to help offset costs and remove those financial barriers for these hard-working young people."

Competing at junior nationals costs about \$3,000 for each athlete. The fundraiser runs through Feb. 27 and can be found at skiplain.com/donate.

PVST holds three fundraisers a year. This particular one is to help with the costs of junior nationals.

"Fundraising is about 60% of our needed funds to serve our mission, which is, you know, obviously a huge undertaking," she said. "However, every year, we've been unbelievably blown away by people's generosity with not only just individual donors, but then we have business donors and founding

club members."

Saugen said there are many pieces of the puzzle that help support PVNT, like the landowners that allow trails on their land, local business sponsors, and the community support they have received through the years.

"I just think it's so integral to our program that it's really supported by so many people," she said.

In 2011, Plain Hardware owner Rob Whitten started the ski trails with the help of local landowners. His goal was to provide a winter activity for youth.

"Look around, Plain," she said. "There's not a ton to do in the winter, and people love skiing and so it kind of started with this vision of, like, what can we do to build community and get kiddos outside in the

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.
Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.
Senior Center, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal. RSVP 509-548-6666.
Ukulele Circle, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.
Cascade Medical Board, 4th Wednesday of every month (with a couple exceptions), September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 20, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, For more info. President Steve Alford, 509-548-4505, or email leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com
Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)
Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Friday

Veteran Service Office, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us
Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.
Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

Monday

Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.
Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at <https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166>. (2nd & 4th Mon.)
Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org
LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st. Tues.)
Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)
Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)
Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com
Music, call Steve, 509-548-7048. (1st and 3rd Tues.)
Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.
Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org
 Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-7, Thurs.,10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat.,10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.
Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 509-548-7821 or peshastin@ncwlibraries.org Open Tues.,10-1:30; and 2:30-7, Wed.,10-2, and 2:30-7, Thurs., and Fri.,1-5:30 and Sat., 10 a.m- 2 p.m. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Other events

The Greater Leavenworth Museum, is open daily from 11-4, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Check their Facebook page or website at leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information.
Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Please note that if your organization changes dates, or hours please send us your updates to reporter@leavenworthecho.com or call 509-548-5286. Otherwise we are not responsible for any misinformation.

Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

AA Meetings:
 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946
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 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379
 Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 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, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.
Alanon Meetings, Call 509-548-7939
Renewed Celebrate Recovery, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509- 596-1510.

Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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.

February 9

7:33:28 Civil, 18226 Chumstick Hwy
 16:33:57 Domestic Distur, 10851 Chumstick Hwy
 17:05:51 Vehicle Prowl, Bridge Creek
 21:30:42 Court Order Vio, Us Hwy 2 & Ski Hill Dr
 2:11:23 Traffic Offense, S Chelan Ave & Orondo Ave

February 10

10:29:24 Animal Problem, 13688 Chumstick Hwy
 12:27:28 Extra Patrol, Eagle Creek Rd Mp3
 12:55:14 Traffic Offense, E Leavenworth Rd & Us Hwy
 15:22:14 Accident No Inj, 1000blk Commercial St
 17:58:10 Property, 820 Front St; Gazebo Park
 18:41:11 Animal Problem, Central Ave & Evans St

20:25:33 Welfare Check, 321 Park Ave# G
 21:31:02 Civil, 10851 Chumstick Hwy
 22:08:21 Welfare Check, 925 Commercial St
 22:30:25 Atl/Atc, 1562 Alpensee Strasse

February 11

18:01:48 Civil, 10851 Chumstick Hwy
 19:52:10 Property, 221 8th St# B; Ducks And Drakes
 20:39:58 Trespass, 7272 Deadman Hill Rd, Dryden

February 12

10:31:19 Assist Agency, 11687 Sunitch Canyon Rd
 12:04:25 Assist Public, 3300 Us Hwy 97 # 58, Peshastin
 15:33:29 Assist Agency, 100 Ski Blick Strasse # D2
 16:15:26 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy

2 Mp 102; Near Prey
 16:42:03 Suspicious, 7375 Icicle Rd; Sleeping Lady
 16:53:32 Suspicious, Us Hwy 2 & 12th St
 20:00:04 Domestic Disturbance, Ward Strasse & Zelt Strass
 22:03:52 Noise, 8296 River View Rd, Peshastin

February 13

10:15:00 Assist Public, 883 Autumn Lily Ln, Peshastin
 13:44:53 Accident No Inj, 1300 Commercial St# 16
 16:33:54 Traffic Offense, Chumstick Hwy Mp 4; Nb

February 14

0:49:05 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 Mp 99
 5:08:43 Welfare Check, 134 Mill St
 6:33:14 Court Order Vio, 11687 Sunitch Canyon Rd

12:34:15 Assist Public, 1300 Commercial St# 102
 12:54:51 Traffic Offense, 25705 Bridle Ln, Plain
 13:57:32 Atl/Atc, Us Hwy 2 & Sr 207, Lake Wenatchee
 15:22:53 Trespass, 301 Ward Strasse; Hampton Inn
 16:22:07 Assist Public, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy
 22:15:18 Domestic Disturbance, 17326 Chumstick Hwy

February 15

0:52:58 Suspicious, 90 Deep Powder Ln, Lake Wenatchee
 6:43:03 Noise, 8274 River View Rd
 8:34:47 Alarm, 817 Commercial St
 17:32:36 Suspicious, 929 Front St
 19:02:51 Assist Public, 17100blk Coulter Creek Rd
 19:37:59 Trespass, 828 Commercial St

Letters to the Editor

Challenges critiques of City's growth policies, advocates for balanced development

Rhona Baron (The Whistle) has written several pieces regarding the current city's approach to building codes, which have provided misleading facts and incomplete analyses. She and others have been upset by policies that allow for higher density inside the city limits, which, in her view, will diminish the lot her home is on, perhaps blocking sunlight from her garden. She has linked these policies to the current mayor's focus on the affordable housing crisis. In one of her columns, she went as far as to claim the mayor wants to eliminate single-family homes inside the city limits (not true, of course).

To begin with, the policies the city is considering are only partly focused on the housing crisis. The Growth Management Act that the city is required to address in planning has fifteen goals, only one of which is housing (RCW 36.70A.020 Planning goals.) Primary among them:

(1) **Urbangrowth** Encourage development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner. (2) Reduce sprawl. Reduce the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development. (3) Transportation. Encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled, and are based on regional priorities and coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans. Has anybody noticed (besides the housing crisis) the sprawl that has occurred out of Ski Hill, Icicle, and Chumstick? The disappearing orchards, truck farms, hay fields, and pastures? The exploding traffic?

Then look at how housing is addressed in the GMA: 4) Housing. Plan for and accommodate housing affordable to all economic segments of the population of this state, promote a variety of residential densities and housing types, and encourage preservation of existing housing stock. Does this sound like an obsessive focus on affordable housing?

The GMA goes on to list sustainable economic development, climate change, citizen participation, shoreline protections, and more. So what the city is trying to do is address some of the pressing needs, which, of course, includes housing. But managing growth and sprawl and all of its attendant environmental and quality of life costs is equally important, no?

Rhona cites some data where people were asked if they want higher density or want to keep the city just like it is. Most, she said, want to

leave it like it is. The problem is, these are all hard goals to accommodate, trade-offs are required. Surveys that don't ask questions where the costs of trade-offs are considered are pretty useless to the dialogue we need. Would folks rather let sprawl go unchecked and see the last open spaces in the upper valley disappear into one-acre McMansions like ski hill? See the night sky obliterated with more light pollution? (We have owned our home up the Icicle since 1991; the degradation has been stunning.) And then there's the absurd traffic.

One thing can be shown with facts - what happens when you do nothing. In 2010, Upper Valley MEND published an update to a study done originally in 2007, which documented the rapid conversion of homes inside the city limits into 2nd homes (a 'vacant' home by Census standards is one that is not a permanent address for anyone, owner or long-term renter). Here are the numbers for the city of Leavenworth as reported every year of the full census: In 1990 11% of homes were vacant; in 2000, 19% were vacant; in 2010, 27% were vacant. Then, the study predicted that without any action, the number would be 35% vacant by 2020. The latest number was 40% - ponder that number of vacant homes inside the city! This is what happens when you do nothing, which Rhona and her friends apparently are advocating - at least by attacking some approaches while offering no realistic alternatives (besides those offered by a ten-minute Google search unvetted by anyone in the community who has actually worked on these problems for the last twenty years - see the third Whistle article in her series on affordable housing.)

Finally, as opposed to trying to stop addressing the key issues at all, I would suggest that we all focus on two things: 1) As we build a more dense urban village which in my view we must, let's do the things that make villages more livable (like where I would want to live to raise my kids or retire): quiet neighborhoods full of permanent residents of diverse backgrounds, affordability, good schools, walkability, availability of services that serve local population in retail, medical, social, etc. 2) Work harder to preserve open public spaces, in and out of the city limits, promote policies that incent landowners to permanently protect open spaces from development, fight county commissioners granting special exceptions to reduce lot size in rural areas, protect water sources and river banks, and radically reduce whole-house short term rentals.

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Leavenworth

Plain Valley

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winter? And so it started very, very small, with the owner of the hardware store asking his neighbor if he could groom some trails across the street (from the hardware store)."

"And it just started to build momentum because it met this wonderful need in the community," she said.

Eventually, the group hired a full-time coach, which many organizations don't do for various reasons. But the goal was to empower the youth, Saugen said.

"So the youth component of the trail has always been the heart of it," she said. "It is our mission to encourage and fund barrier-free ski education programs. And what that looks like to us is we want to make sure that we're not a pay-to-play sport. We want to make sure any kid out in the valley that

wants to come can come." PVNT provides coaching, skis, team jackets, wax for their skis, and more.

PVNT now has three coaches and reaches over 100 kids up and down the valley. Students even come from Leavenworth, Wenatchee, Entiat, and Seattle.

"So the development layers, the exposure layers are really important to, like the whole thing is important, what we want to do is provide opportunities to youth that empower them to become individuals that are able to now function well in society and have friendships and create goals and strive to get them," she said. "We view it as more of an education program and then focus on skiing."

"Skiing is the avenue that we use," she said. "But we want to provide for kids's goals of all ages and abilities."

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COURTESY OF PLAIN VALLEY SKI TRAILS

Leavenworth Library Hosts Kate Farrar Art Exhibition Jan. 23-Mar. 1

LEAVENWORTH - The Leavenworth Library will host an art exhibition featuring the works of local artist Kate Farrar in its Fireside Room from Jan. 23 through Mar. 1. Farrar, who has dedicated approximately 40 years to her craft, despite several interruptions, brings a rich history of artistic development and expression

to this showcase. She honed her skills under the mentorship of Robert Graves at Wenatchee Valley College and has displayed her work in various local shows and exhibitions throughout the Wenatchee Valley. The exhibition will highlight Farrar's preference for landscapes, with a focus on trees and water themes.

Leavenworth Rotary News

STUDENT OF THE MONTH Dawson Chase



Congratulations to **Dawson Chase**, our October 2023 Student of the Month! Dawson received his award for his diligence in academic achievement and his communication skills as a Senior at Cascade High School. Pictured here are Michelle Chase, Dawson Chase, and Leavenworth Rotary Club President, Mahala Murphy-Martin.



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LEGISLATIVE Coverage

Clergy members could become mandatory reporters of child abuse

By MARY MURPHY
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - When Sen. Noel Frame, D-Seattle, learned how Jehovah's Witness elders in Spokane had covered up child sexual abuse for years, she looked to the law for answers. Frame found that, under Washington State law, clergy members have no responsibility to report what they suspect to

be child abuse. Washington is one of five states that has yet to change this rule.

Frame says she experienced abuse as a child, and it was only once after her teacher, a "mandatory reporter," said something to her guardians that the abuse stopped.

If SB 6298 passes, clergy members will be required to report their suspicions to either the Department of Children,

Youth or Families (DCYF) or law enforcement. Teachers, law enforcement, medical professionals, therapists, and more are already designated as mandated reporters in Washington.

Following objections from Catholics, an amendment was made to the bill that now exempts clergy members from having to report information obtained "solely" during

confessions. If they learn of abuse outside of confessions, they are required to report.

In committee, Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, said she was not able to support the bill until that amendment was added.

"We don't want to encourage people to hide behind the clergy cloak, but we are taking steps to protect our children," Warnick said.

Sen. Mike Paddon, R-Spokane, and Phil Fortunato, R-Auburn, as members of the Catholic Church, pleaded for additional changes that remove the consideration of information obtained during confession altogether, as they feel it still violates the "seal of confession." "This is a big deal to me personally, and a big, huge deal in the Catholic church," Fortunato said. Additional

changes were not adopted. The bill passed with a 44-5 vote.

Only seven of the 45 states that regard clergy members as mandatory reporters have mandated that information obtained from confession must be reported.

"I am wildly uncomfortable with this compromise, with the exemption for penitential communication," Frame said. "But I am doing it because I have been asked by survivors to not let perfect be the enemy of good."

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Inslee reflects in his final year as governor



COURTESY OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

Jay and Trudi Inslee wear red for #WearRedDay to support women's heart health in 2022.

Condom use requires partner consent, proposal says

By MARY MURPHY
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Testifying before lawmakers, Mina Hashemi recounted how, three years ago, she was shocked to see that the condom she had explicitly asked for during sex had been removed.

"I felt deeply violated," Hashemi said. "While I was lucky not to get an STI or pregnant, there are many stories of women who did. Stealthing is a very specific type of sexual violence that does not neatly fit within existing definitions of sexual assault in Washington. We must close the loophole on assault."

"Stealthing" refers to tampering with or removing any kind of sexually protective device without the consent of a partner. It is commonly referred to as a form of sexual assault.

HB1958 could make this practice punishable by law in Washington State. It has already passed the House with bipartisan support in a 64-33 vote.

The bill also stipulates that action can be taken when stealthing is done purposely, but also when a partner has knowledge of a condom breaking during intercourse and continues without informing their partner.

California and Maine are the only other states to have already passed legislation on "stealthing," but no other states have included devices outside of condoms, such as dental dams or spermicide.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline categorizes stealthing as a means for "control" and explains that "unexpected pregnancy could be a way for a partner who is abusive to manipulate their partner into staying in the

relationship," using a possible child as leverage.

The addition of long-term birth control devices in the bill has sparked debate.

"I think the underlying principle we can all agree is positive for everyone," Eric Pratt, concerned citizen, said. "But what I don't like is that it doesn't go far enough in that it doesn't encompass oral contraceptive birth control and diaphragms."

Rep. Michelle Caldier, R-Gig Harbor, agreed, explaining women sometimes stop taking oral contraception or remove an IUD without telling a spouse.

"The sad part is I actually wanted to vote for it," Caldier said. "I agree that for a man to remove a protective device and inadvertently get a woman pregnant, that is awful. That is absolutely awful. But at the same time, we also have to think about the other side."

To this argument, prime sponsor Rep. Liz Berry, D-Queen Anne, said a large part of this bill's goal is to protect from sexually transmitted diseases. Non-physical forms of birth control, like birth control pills, do not offer disease protection, which is outside the scope of the bill.

Berry also said the bill's main goal is to protect women, and changing the bill could undermine that effort.

"Broadening the definition to beyond a physical barrier device would open up unintended consequences -- where this would be weaponized against victims of this nonconsensual act," Berry said. "This is a very intentional definition that has been stakeholdered with key community advocates to protect people, particularly women, from this type of behavior."

Critics also noted concerns with "establishing intentionality" and proving allegations in court.

"I have been involved in litigating some of these cases, and sometimes it comes down to somebody poking a hole in a condom to get pregnant," said Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia. "It goes both ways in terms of how you can tamper, but a lot of this is unfortunately 'He said, she said,' or we don't have any proof, or the proof has already been disposed of."

Elizabeth Hendren, a Seattle-based attorney at the Sexual Violence Law Center, explained this is not a new issue in sexual assault litigations.

Hendren said that under Washington law, testimony is a valid form of proof, as is considering the credibility of both parties. Hendren said proof can also sometimes be in emails, text messages, and photos.

Yet, concerns regarding the 'He said, she said' dilemma carried over into the floor's debate.

"When we pass laws, we need to be careful that they are enforceable and not ambiguous," Rep. Cyndy Jacobson, R-Pullyap, said, as she urged a no vote. "I think that what this may create, unintentionally, is a morass of he said, she said and things that we can't prove in court."

Penalties for those convicted of stealthing could result in statutory damages of up to \$5,000 per violation, and prevailing plaintiffs would be awarded costs and compensated reasonable attorney fees.

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By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - On the second level of the white and gray marbled Capitol building stands the Governor's office, guarded by a State Patrol trooper stationed outside. On the interior walls are portraits and paintings showcasing past Washington Governors.

In the heart of the conference room stands a grand dark wood table surrounded by twelve bulky wood and brown leather chairs, and the one at the head of the table, where Jay Inslee sits, has leather detailing of Washington's State seal at the top. The oval table is empty except for a caffeine-free gold and red Diet Coke can.

"We don't need any more caffeine in here," Inslee joked.

Inslee, the longest-serving current governor in the nation, is overseeing the last weeks of his final legislative session and eyeing the end of his third and final term.

He said he feels like "one of the luckiest people in the world," looking forward to finishing strong and passing the torch as he celebrates 52 years of marriage to his close partner in work and life Trudi and prepares with her and his three sons and six grandchildren for their next adventure.

Reflecting on the path that got him to Olympia, Inslee said it may not have been possible without Trudi.

"That took courage," he said, in the way she supported him through the career changes, election campaigns and the relocations -- leaving the apple orchards in Selah for meet-and-greets in Washington D.C., and back again.

A graduate of the University of Washington and the Willamette University College of Law, Inslee began his political career in the Washington State House of Representatives and served from 1989 to 1993. In 1993, the Inslees left behind the deep

snow of Selah, Wash. where they raised their children and headed to Washington D.C., where he served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to 1995. He served only one term representing Eastern Washington's 4th Congressional district. He made his first run for governor in 1996 but lost in the primary to fellow Democrat Gary Locke. Under President Bill Clinton, Inslee then served as regional director for the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Having relocated to Western Washington, he returned to Congress from 1999 to 2012, representing King, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties. He was successful in his second run for governor in 2012.

None of it would have happened, he said, if Trudi didn't believe as much as he did in the policy changes; they have worked side by side all along to advance. It has been a decades-long partnership. The Inslees became a pair when they were just 16-year-old high school students.

"I feel closer to her than I have at any other time in my life," Jay Inslee said. "I don't know how she feels about it. You would have to ask her," he laughed.

In Olympia, Inslee said he loves that he gets to see Trudi almost every day. Trudi has been active in supporting gun safety, early childhood education, and child homelessness. She was instrumental in establishing the first childcare facility on the Capitol campus in Olympia.

"No spouse has ever been more resilient and courageous in American political history than Trudi Inslee," he said.

Inslee has been a champion of the fight against climate change for decades, and it was his central focus when he campaigned for the presidency. Just a few days ago, he said he tracked his passion back to 1988 after coming across an old junk box that housed his very first political flier that he handed out when going door to door. "We need to defeat climate change," it read.

And when he spends time with his grandchildren, he said it re-ignites his fire to beat the threat of a warming climate.

"I have always felt in my life and my family's life, that we have always been connected to

the natural world," Inslee said. "Whether it's hiking, biking, skiing...or just looking at a bird in the backyard. Things that were so important to my life... deserve to be protected."

He said he is committed to continuing work to expand the clean energy economy after he leaves office. He said his motivation will only increase as the damage of a warming climate becomes more apparent. His Twitter bio reads: "On a mission to defeat climate change. Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell, and organize."

"I will still be pushing the ball up the hill," Inslee said.

Inslee's Climate Commitment Act, which took effect in January of 2023, has a goal to reach "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The act was recently targeted by Initiative 2117, a proposal that seeks to repeal parts of the act to lower taxes and business expenses.

Inslee believes state residents from across the political spectrum want to protect the state and its natural resources and ultimately will come to celebrate the results the act delivers.

"They do not want their families to breathe in pollution, kids getting emphysema. They don't want to see us ravaged by forest fires," Inslee said.

Inslee advises the next governor, whoever that is, to build a great team and preserve what the state has already accomplished.

"You have to be willing to constantly try to improve, which is also a recognition that you are not perfect from day one," he said. "You have to accept that you are going to improve, which also recognizes there are some things that need improvement."

Inslee said he and Trudi are happy to pass the keys to the next residents of the governor's mansion.

Being governor is "the best job in public life," Inslee said, "because it is such a rare opportunity to know your whole state and become engaged in your whole state. You get to know people's lives like you have never known before."

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CSD Board reviews building conditions, discusses member appointments

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Cascade School Board reviewed the results of the annual building conditions study and discussed member appointments at its bi-monthly meeting on Feb. 12. The Board appointed Mike Worden as its legislative representative to fill the vacancy created by Zachary Miller's recent resignation. No appointment has yet been made for the Upper Valley Park & Recreation Service Area (PRSA) Liaison.

Teresa Disher, CSD Operations and Facilities Director, presented the results of the annual asset preservation program, in which Disher examines both old and new school buildings and scores them based on the improvements needed. CSD buildings were in overall good condition, with no expensive improvements needing immediate attention. "I didn't hear of any major expenditures the rest of this fiscal year," said Worden, after the presentation. Peshastin-Dryden Elementary, which was modernized

in 2019, received 98 points out of 100. The school had no required improvements, but the delaminating surface around the sinks needed to be monitored. Alpine Lakes Elementary, which was built in 2019, scored a 95.95. Disher said the building had normal wear and tear for 5 years of operation, but there is roof leakage during heavy rain and snow. Disher is hoping to make the necessary repairs this spring. "Other than that, it's a really great building. It's really sound," said Disher.

Beaver Valley Elementary received 87.86 points for its main building, built in 2001. Points were lower mainly due to the heating system, which has been requiring more frequent service repairs on the old heat pumps. The building is also due for new movable furnishings, such as tables and chairs. Disher assigned a similar rating to the covered play area, which will eventually need its plywood exterior replaced. Icicle River Middle School received 87.72 points, but is in good condition for its age, according to Disher.

"This is my favorite building, I think, because of its age. It's 33 years old... Comparatively speaking to all the other buildings, this was a really well-built building," said Disher. Disher said an eye should be kept on the roof as well as the interior partitions due to the age of the materials. However, neither had major issues and showed no signs of needing immediate replacement. The main building of Cascade High School received 98 points, after doing major repairs on its HVAC recently.

Disher said the CHS shop received a 91, and could benefit from more lighting, electrical panel replacement, and an air compressor. The district makes these reports annually, but receives an official report from a certified assessor every sixth year. Alpine Lakes and Cascade are slated for a certified assessment in 2025. The Board will meet again on Feb. 26, which will include a budget update.

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Cascade High School's Grizzled Old Men

LEAVENWORTH - One of Cascade High School's most beloved traditions is the Grizzled Old Men basketball game. This annual competition is a fundraiser for the senior class trip. This event highlights CHS seniors and community members facing off against each other in a basketball game. Members of the Kodiak community have traditionally attended to cheer on either the seniors or the "grizzled old men."



By **PAIGE RUNIONS**
CHS Publications Group

It has been in the past with a lot more fun activities. Linda Clark is the one who started Mr. Kodiak and I think that Grizzled Old Men might have been part of the deal. She was the one who was in charge of coming up with fundraisers, because she had kids who were seniors.

Many teachers and staff at Cascade High School have fond memories of watching or playing in the game. The Health and Sports Medicine teacher at Cascade High School, Jon Betz, has played in the competition before. "I've played, I think, at least four times with a gap around Covid. My favorite part is just kind of seeing the seniors trying to get it organized and get a group together, and then the relationship parts with teachers, parents, and students. I don't think people get to see adults compete against kids very often, so that's kind of what's fun," said Betz.



PAIGE RUNIONS/CHS PUBLICATIONS
CHS Leadership students Scott Lindsay (12) and Rhetta Cummings (12) finish putting up promotional posters for Grizzled Old Men at Cascade High School.

The beginning of this tradition is somewhat of a mystery, but the origins date back to around 15 years ago. This was around the same time the Mr. Kodiak event started, according to Cascade's current athletic director and lifelong Kodiak Tim Barnes. "I know it's been quite a few years [since it started], and it's a pretty decent fundraiser that they use for the senior class," said Barnes. "This year with Publications and Leadership, mainly Leadership, helping put it on, it sounds like it's going to be a lot more organized than

very first time this year, such as para-education teacher Jamie Krejci. "I just wanted to be more active in the activities that are going on at school. I feel like we want to build up morale with students and staff and get us all to connect more, and I did play a little bit of basketball in high school. Just being a part of things and hopefully crushing the seniors," explained Krejci. The senior class, senior ASB, and executive ASB have all been working to make this event a success. Elected officers such as Maddy Black (12) have been making sure all the logistics went smoothly. "I'm the senior class treasurer. I filled out the form for the cash box and talked to Hilary Osborn, our bookkeeper, about money for the little surprise we'll be having at halftime. I'm excited to see all of the high school players go crazy and really become dedicated to trying to win the game," explained Black. Not only are these student leaders helping put on the event, but they are also playing in it. ASB executive president Scott Lindsey (12)

explained, "It's a senior class fundraiser, so we worked a lot with the senior class just coming up with ideas. We started the process early with criteria such as how it's going to run, what it's going to be, etcetera. I just tried to give my ideas and spread the word. I'm just excited to play in it and

I've never even seen it. I'm also excited for the little twist we're having; I think it's going to be a lot of fun." Despite the fact that the Grizzled Old Men have won for the past 15 years, the seniors remain hopeful. "I'm looking forward to crushing the Grizzled Old Men," said Lindsay.

This year, the event is on Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school's main gym. The cost will be \$5 for students or in advance and \$10 at the door. All Kodiak members are encouraged to show up and support the seniors as the community joins together for a fun and friendly competition night.

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How to make medicine taste better

Have you ever had to take a liquid medication that tasted awful? Sometimes, a medicine NEEDS to be taken, but you dread swallowing it. Or, your 5-year-old is fighting you on taking a liquid antibiotic. Many years ago, I had just clocked into my night shift when I was paged to the Emergency Department. A four-year-old had swallowed some of his grandmother's sleeping pills, and they had just flushed out his stomach. I found Betty, the charge nurse, trying to entice her pint-sized patient to swallow some black sludge. He was having none of it. "I added water to the activated charcoal the doctor ordered to make it more liquid, but he refuses to drink it. We need to get this into his stomach ASAP. Can you do something to it to make it taste better?" "Betty, I'll be right back," I reassured her. Returning to the pharmacy, I opened the refrigerator

and grabbed a dark brown squeeze bottle from inside the door. Hustling back to the ED, I showed Betty my secret weapon for making gritty, gross medicines easier to swallow: Hershey's Chocolate Syrup. The two of us eventually coaxed her patient to swallow enough charcoal to neutralize the dangerous drug. Every few years, I set up a "Taste Test" for family medicine doctors in training to give them an appreciation of the challenges parents and caregivers face in administering liquid medications. I prepared 5 antibiotics and 5 commonly prescribed medicines, labeled them, and then handed out scoring sheets to each resident physician to use on each one. The first time we did this, everyone had a stomach ache afterward, so ever since then, I kept a big trash can nearby as a spittoon, warning my evaluators to "Spit, don't swallow."

Each liquid medicine was evaluated on its smell, texture, taste, and aftertaste. In the spirit of wine tasting, I renamed the 4 qualities as Bouquet (smell), Body (texture), Gustatory Merit (taste), and Finish (aftertaste). Each scorecard had a scale of 1 to 5 for each attribute, with a score of 1 score being the most negative, 3 as neutral, and 5 as the most positive. On the table were 10 bottles of liquid medication, each with a small clear plastic medicine cup filled about halfway in front of it. The first aspect assessed was the medicine's smell. The judges were instructed to pick up the cup holding the liquid drug, swirl it a few times, and inhale to get the "Bouquet." Once they marked their scorecard, they moved on to Taste and Texture. The judge dipped a clean

plastic spoon into the liquid, then put it in their mouth to evaluate its texture ("Body") and taste ("Gustatory Merit"). Once those were scored, the final element considered was the aftertaste left in the mouth by the medicine ("Finish"). As my judges bravely worked through all 10 liquid samples, there were plenty of photo ops of scrunched-up faces, tongues sticking out, and gagging. You could hear comments like: "I had NO IDEA this stuff tasted like THIS!" "Gaaaah!" "I remember this one when I was a kid..." Afterward, we brainstormed ways to help parents reduce the "Yuck" factor of the sampled medicines. Some were already parents and shared what worked for them to help mask

the taste and texture of bitter, gritty liquid medications. Here Are 4 Tips to Help Liquid Medicines Taste Better:

- 1. Mix it.** Add it to something else to dilute the taste and texture. Most foods will improve the taste, but my favorite is Hershey's chocolate syrup. The squeeze bottle is inexpensive and can mask a bitter taste and gritty texture. Other flavors, like caramel and butterscotch, are now available as sundae toppings.
- 2. Chill it.** Try storing the bottle in the refrigerator between doses, even if it doesn't have to be refrigerated. The taste and aftertaste will be less noticeable when cold.
- 3. Chase it.** Follow up quickly with a spoonful of a favorite food or beverage; the thicker, the better. Ice cream, pudding, fruit jams, jellies, or sundae toppings can be used. Avoid soft drinks as chasers. When I offered ginger ale

Ask...

Dr. Louise

and club soda to my taste test judges to "cleanse their palate" between each liquid medicine, they reported that those options didn't work.

4. Hold Your Nose. If you can pinch your nose closed while swallowing a spoonful of medicine, it helps you avoid tasting it. Unfortunately, the taste will "bloom" when you start breathing again through your nose. I suggest having a chaser ready nearby.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 44-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog, TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2024 Louise Achey

Housing Advisory Committee holds inaugural meeting

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - The newly formed Housing Advisory Committee had its inaugural meeting on Feb. 15. Members came together for the first time to establish its purpose, meeting schedule, and operating procedures as it moves forward. The idea for the Housing Advisory Committee was created last March by the

Housing Committee, which was composed primarily of City Council members. "There was quite a healthy discussion on what this committee would be focused on. Would it include looking at code regulations or would it include more policy direction, or where do we need the help with housing? Where was the gap?" said Community Development Director Lilith Vespier. The Housing Committee

recommended that the Advisory focus on how to spend the \$200,000 a year in city funds designated for housing, look for options for funding land purchases and/or housing construction, and review city-owned land. It would also review housing development projects requesting city funds and explore options for infrastructure improvements that promote housing options. Housing Advisory Committee members expressed interest

in dialing in on funding land purchases and exploring infrastructure improvements. City residents and appointees Tracie Smith, Justin Horvath, Luke Dixon, Karen Haire, Caroline Moser, and City Council Member Zeke Reister were at the meeting. Ted Jenneskens and Kurt Peterson, both representing the Urban Growth Area (UGA), were also in attendance. Appointee Stacey Hurd and Council Member Clint Strand

are also on the committee but were unable to attend. The Committee appointed Justin Horvath as Chair of the Committee. Horvath works in real estate and has been a resident of Leavenworth for about five years. Karen Haire, a resident of Leavenworth since 1981, was appointed Vice Chair. The positions are subject to change as the group gets to know each other and the needs of the committee. Committee members will

review the proposed bylaws and discuss changes at the next meeting on March 28. The Housing Advisory agreed to meet every fourth Thursday of the month in the late afternoon. The exact time is yet to be determined. The group agreed to make the meetings an hour, with the option to extend to a half hour when discussing topics that require more time.

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Leavenworth Leaders Advocate for Short-Term Rental Tax to Address Housing Concerns

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

OLYMPIA – Mayor Carl Florea and City Council Member Zeke Reister voiced their support of a short-term rental tax bill at a public hearing held by the House Committee on Local Government on Feb. 14.

“This is not an anti-short term rental bill, but it’s mitigation to offset some of those impacts,” said Florea.

SB 5334 would authorize local governments to impose a special excise tax on the furnishing of lodging of short-term rentals and use those revenues for affordable housing programs.

Council Member Reister argued that the bill was an excellent strategy of using tourism to counteract its “major impact on eliminating housing in our community.”

“We have hundreds [of

short-term rentals] around and inside Leavenworth, and many of those used to be permanent homes. It’d be helpful if those guests helped us replace those homes so we had a housing stock,” said Florea.

The bill also received support from Mayor Salim Nice of Mercer Island and Expedia Group, the parent company of VRBO.

“We see in some cases jurisdictions outright ban short-term rentals, so we’d rather see this as a release valve for communities,” said Brent Ludeman, a lobbyist for Expedia Group.

Those in opposition to the bill included representatives from Greater Seattle Hosts Group and Chamber of Progress, as well as a Seattle host. Those in opposition feared that the bill would harm those who would be unable to afford where they live without

the supplemental income from short-term renting.

“We don’t think it gets at the core issue of affordable housing, which is mainly about how many more units are being created,” said Ken Ploeger, of the Greater Seattle Hosts Group.

One group supported the bill but wanted to see amendments made that clarified the use of the excise tax before it was passed.

After holding public hearings, the committee may discuss its merits, potential amendments, and whether to recommend it for further consideration by the full House of Representatives. The original bill was passed through the Senate in 2023 but did not pass through the House. The bill was reintroduced this year by the Senate.

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Mayor Carl Florea testified before the House Committee on Local Government on Feb. 14 to voice support for a short-term rental tax bill, SB 5334. City Council Member Zeke Reister testified via Zoom.

Senate

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especially tight, but when I learned that we might have flexibility in the budget for affordable housing, my first calls were to Mayor Florea and the Upper Valley MEND who quickly helped me submit a very compelling request,” he said. He also praised the city of Leavenworth, Chelan County, and Upper Valley MEND for their partnership in advancing affordable housing initiatives.

In 2022, Hawkins worked to pass Senate Bill 5868, allowing counties to use sales tax revenue for affordable housing infrastructure. Chelan County

has utilized this legislation to support the project through its Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund.

In a letter dated Jan. 24, Mayor Carl Florea of Leavenworth addressed the urgent need for this project. “This is critical because, while Leavenworth has grown its tourism workforce by over 500 workers in the past 10 years, we have not provided more than a handful of housing units for these same workers over that period of time,” he wrote, indicating the challenges posed by the current housing market for local workers.

In a budget request from Jan. 23, Kaylin Bettinger of Upper Valley MEND described

the housing crisis in the Upper Wenatchee Valley region. “The rural Upper Wenatchee Valley region – home to Leavenworth – is facing a crisis of affordable housing for local employees,” Bettinger said, noting the impact on local businesses, public services, and the community’s vibrancy.

The Senate’s budget allocation for the Leavenworth Affordable Rental Project reflects a collective response to the workforce housing needs in a region impacted by tourism growth. The final budget approval, expected in early March, is awaited as a crucial step toward maintaining the community’s accessibility for its residents.

Photo gallery

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Washington love the nature here and they get lit up by it, and want to see more of it,” said James.

Over that year, James dedicated time to photographing the Upper Valley, which will be prevalent in the gallery. James has unique shots of the Cashmere Hills, Icicle Creek, and Tumwater Canyon. His favorite spot, however, is in the heart of town.

“I actually really love Waterfront Park, because it’s such a gem and it’s just right there. You have that beautiful view of mountains, you get the river, and you see the families having fun and feeding the ducks, and it’s just a really special place,” said James.

It is anticipated that the gallery will open on April 1. The gallery will be open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends.

“Long term, we’d love to stay open late every night, because we feel like going through the

galleries is the perfect thing to do after dinner and in the evenings, when most of the shops are closed and people are looking for something to do,” said James.

A grand opening for the community is tentatively scheduled for May, which will be the first of many events that will be hosted in the space, including nature talks and a Valentine’s Day Ball. For more information, visit peterjamesphotogallery.com.

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UGA

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the Board of Commissioners said in a statement to Ward Media.

The amendment replaces UGA zoning districts RL10 and RL12, which require a minimum lot size of 10,000 to 12,000 square feet, with a new R8 district. The R8 district permits single-family residences, duplexes, and accessory dwelling units with a minimum lot size of 8,000 square feet. The zone stretches from Titus Road to offshoots of Ski Hill Drive, ranging approximately from Wheeler Street to Valley View Drive. It also includes the River Bend Drive neighborhood and a section of East Leavenworth Road near Dye Road.

All three Chelan County commissioners originally rejected the specific amendment in February 2023, acting in the interest of strongly opposed UGA residents. Commissioners

expressed concerns that the area’s lack of infrastructure would struggle to support denser housing allowances but were open to the idea if proper infrastructure was put in place.

The City of Leavenworth challenged the decision in an appeal to the Growth Management Hearings Board in October of 2023.

“We don’t have a whole lot of land, and we need to get more smaller units on the land that we have to be in our urban area if we’re going to do anything affordable. We can’t have them on large lots. We’ve got to do as many as we can,” said Mayor Carl Florea.

The Growth Management Board sided with the City, stating the resolution was not in compliance with the Growth Management Act (GMA). The burden of proof was a 1997 Memorandum of Understanding, which states in Section 1: “Chelan County will adopt each city’s land use regulations, development

standards, and land use designations for that city’s Urban Growth Area.”

The Board stated that the 1997 memorandum is no longer pertinent to Leavenworth, its tourism-dependent demographics or its current housing shortage. Commissioner Shon Smith called it “irrelevant.”

“The ruling of the Growth Management Board has, in a sense, disenfranchised those citizens who cannot vote for city representatives but now must follow city zoning rules,” said the Board.

The County was mandated to come into compliance with the GMA by April 1, 2024, thus prompting the vote on Feb. 13.

“I appreciate what Chelan County did, to honor what we’ve chosen to do with the zoning, and I look forward to working with them ongoing to meet both our needs and their needs,” said Florea.

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OBITUARY

Dick Rieman

1938 - 2024

On Friday, January 19th Dick Rieman passed quietly and at peace as he crossed over to the next grand adventure. After dealing with dementia for many years, it was a true blessing that he chose not to linger. He was surrounded with love.

Dick grew up in Whitefish, Montana, living a lifestyle that gave him a passion for the natural world that continued to inform the rest of his life.

After graduating from the University of Montana he moved to the Seattle area. He taught junior high school math and science for 4 years, learned how to fly, taught flying and became a pilot with United Airlines for 21 years. In the years flying up and down the west coast he watched how the timbered hills became clearcut’s and he was concerned about the rampant deforestation.

Flying no longer interested him. He retired

from United Airlines at fifty to devote the rest of his life thinking about, and planning ways to keep the forests healthy and to protect the Icicle Valley, and particularly Icicle Creek from human degradation.

In 1990 he made a 3-dimensional scale model, and then a professional film, portraying what the Icicle Valley might become in 50 years if the current rate of growth continued.

He worked with many other visionaries, committees and organizations seeking solutions to Icicle Creek water and salmon issues.

As the dementia advanced, he became less and less effective as an advocate for his environmental concerns, but he never gave up until his brain gave up.

In the late 1970s Dick and Tina had moved to Leavenworth and built a log home. He learned the skill of log building as he learned so many skills, by reading and observation.



He was a member of the Marlin Handbell Ringers for over 40 years and always drew attention ringing the 25 lb. bell with one hand. During his life he loved climbing, backpacking, horse packing, hunting, fly fishing, sea kayaking, skiing, his garden, his extended family and a good martini.

Dick will be remembered for his honesty, his generosity, his curiosity, his many skills, his interesting conversations, and his passion and love for the natural world. What will be most missed by his family and many friends is his unique and infectious laugh. The angels are laughing with him now.

City Council

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seem like an easy task, but we’re out of space in terms of housing employees and parking vehicles. So, that’s a real constraint to consider,” said Wachholder.

City Council expressed concern that the responsibility wouldn’t be spread fairly amongst residents. While

some don’t have sidewalks at all, others live on wide streets in which plows dump a substantial amount of snow on the sidewalk. The tentative public hearing was also tabled to allow for further review on the matter.

Community Development Director Liliith Vespier presented code consistency updates being considered by the Planning Commission, such

as reorganizing and removing redundancy. The effort is to allow for more transparency with the public.

The City Council chose to extend the review over future meetings, and will tentatively set a public hearing date at the next City Council meeting on Feb. 27.

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vs.
DUANE P. STEWART AND DEBORAH A. STEWART, husband and wife; and ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants.
NO. 24-2-00037-04
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
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Superior Court of Washington for Chelan County In the matter of the estate of Carol Ann Sunada, Deceased. No. 24-4-00032-04 Notice To Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)

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Notice is hereby given that Michiel L. Salmon, Personal Representative of the above estate, has filed in the office of the clerk of the above court the Final Report and Petition for Decree of Distribution (the "Final Report"), asking the court to approve the Report, order distribution of the estate's property to the claimants entitled thereto, and discharge the Personal Representative. The Final Report will be heard on March 14, 2024 at 9:30 A.M., by Judge Ferrera in the Chelan County Superior Court, at which time and place any person interested in the above estate may appear and file objections to and contest the Final Report. DATED February 13, 2024 at Wenatchee, Washington /s/ Michiel L. Salmon, Personal Representative. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 21, 2024. #7294

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD PREMRO, Deceased. 24-4-00051-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM G. YACINICH, Deceased. No. 24-4-00031-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of CARMEN A. JENSEN, Deceased. No. 24-4-00049-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

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The Science of Oobleck

Replace the missing words.

FLOW SHAPED RUNNY
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The corn flour doesn't dissolve in the _____. Instead, it becomes "suspended" in the water.

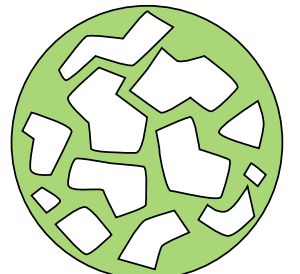
Corn flour is made up of billions of tiny, irregularly _____ grains of starch.

When water is added, the liquid flows around each grain of starch, and the little grains _____ around each other.

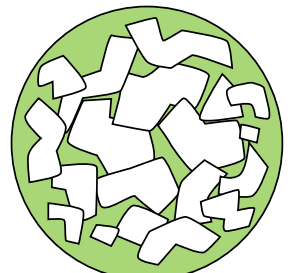
This makes your mixture runny as particles slip over and around each other.

When a sudden _____ force is applied, the starch particles lock together, and the mixture _____ and acts like a solid.

As soon as the force is removed, the water surrounds each of the grains again, and the mixture becomes _____ once more.



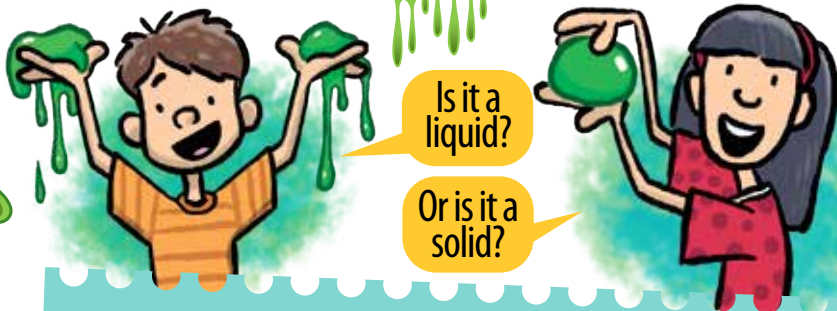
Particles without force.



Particles when Oobleck is squeezed together.

Oobleck

Oobleck acts like both a liquid *and* a solid! Make some yourself and feel this crazy substance!



Scientist's Notebook

What to do with your goo?

TRY THIS:

After your Oobleck is well mixed, gently feel the top.

What does it feel like?

Next, pick up a handful of Oobleck and squeeze it into a ball. What does it feel like now?

Can you pick up any other liquids and make them into a solid ball?

Open your hand with the Oobleck ball sitting on your palm. What happens?

Scientist's Notebook

Make Goopy Oobleck

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup of cornstarch
- ½ cup of water
- Food coloring (just for fun)
- A bowl
- Your hands



DIRECTIONS:

1. Measure ½ cup of water and pour into a bowl. If you have food coloring, add a few drops to the water.
2. Measure 1 cup of cornstarch. Pour into your bowl.
3. Mix the water and cornstarch for 10 minutes to make it just right. You might want to take turns with a partner.

Standards Link: Conduct simple science experiments; understand suspensions.

Can you find your way through this slimy Oobleck maze?



It's raining Oobleck!
Can you find at least 10 differences between these two pictures?

Extra! Extra! Oobleck Advertisement

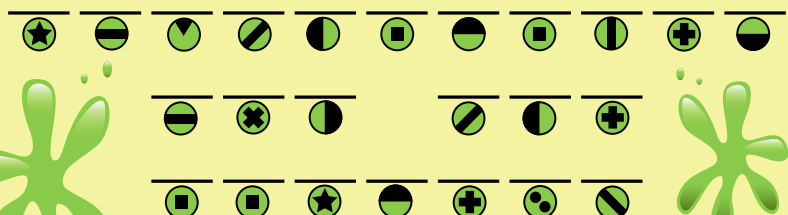
Look for an advertisement in the newspaper that you like. Rewrite the advertisement to make an ad to sell Oobleck.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write persuasively.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Oobleck gets its name from a book by Dr. Seuss. In the book, sticky green gobs of goo fall from the sky. They call it Oobleck.

Use the code to discover the name of the book.



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| A = [Symbol] | E = [Symbol] | M = [Symbol] | R = [Symbol] |
| B = [Symbol] | H = [Symbol] | N = [Symbol] | S = [Symbol] |
| C = [Symbol] | K = [Symbol] | O = [Symbol] | T = [Symbol] |
| D = [Symbol] | L = [Symbol] | P = [Symbol] | W = [Symbol] |

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- ACTS
- BALL
- BOWL
- CRAZY
- CUP
- DROPS
- FEEL
- HAND
- LIQUID
- MIX
- OUBLECK
- OPEN
- POUR
- SOLID
- WATER

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **FORCE**

The noun **force** means the use of power, energy, or strength.

It took **force** to open the door on a windy day.

Try to use the word **force** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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