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Beloved Bailey

Avalanche rescue dog retires to cozy life at Stevens Pass

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

As the days grow shorter and the temperatures drop, many are anticipating and preparing for the winter season at Stevens Pass. But there is one regular who will be taking it a lot easier on the slopes this season.

Bailey, the Avalanche Rescue dog, is ready for a slower pace as she begins her first winter season of retirement.

The Stevens Pass avalanche rescue dogs, or avy dogs, come to work every day with their handlers ready to be called out in case of an emergency.

After 11 years of working alongside the Ski Patrol, Bailey has earned her right to a slower pace.

Bailey's handler and owner and Stevens Pass Patrol Director, Angela Seidling, said that Bailey will still come to work with her.

"She'll spend more time hanging out in the base area and more time on the couch in the office," she said.

"I foresee us still getting out on the hill together this winter for maybe some promenade laps. And promenade is the green groomed run that gets you to the base area. The majority of it is quite flat, so she'll get carried out to promenade for some little glory laps down that run."

The biggest difference between



Avy rescue dog Bailey and her handler Angela Seidling.

being an active avy dog and retirement, besides more couch time, is that Bailey will no longer be called out for rescues.

Avalanche Rescue dogs go through an extensive training process that



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starts when they are puppies and takes about three to five seasons.

From the moment Bailey first came to work as a puppy, she just belonged

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New education fund established

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LEAVENWORTH - In a heart-warming tribute to the memory of a dedicated healthcare leader, the Cascade Medical Foundation has introduced the Mark Judy Memorial Caregiver Education Fund. This initiative aims to provide ongoing support to Cascade Medical employees in their pursuit of further education and the enhancement of job-related skills.

The Mark Judy Memorial Caregiver Education Fund is dedicated to the late Mark Judy, a former Cascade Medical CEO and a devoted volunteer on the Cascade Medical Foundation board. Following his unexpected passing in March, the Foundation board, in collaboration with Mark's family and Cascade Medical administrators, decided to honor his legacy through this innovative fund.

The primary objective of the fund is to grant financial resources to Cascade Medical employees seeking to broaden their knowledge and capabilities. These grants will cover a range of educational opportunities, including certifications, training for new programs or services, as well as ongoing coursework to embark on new career paths. This investment in staff development is expected to benefit both Cascade Medical and the broader community.

Diane Blake, CEO of Cascade Medical, emphasized the positive impact of this initiative on the organization. "It means more opportunity to grow our workforce and, ultimately, ensure we have the right resources to provide the best care for our community over the long term. To be able to have a tool to help development be attainable for people who are already valued team members is very exciting. There's a big benefit to the organization to have a stable, rooted team for so many reasons," she stated.

The Mark Judy Memorial Caregiver Education Fund was established in the fall of 2023 to honor Mark Judy's legacy. Mark served as Cascade Medical CEO from 2009 through 2011 and remained an active member of the

Cascade Medical Foundation board. The Foundation board's proposal to use donations made in his memory to initiate and perpetually add to the fund was warmly embraced by Mark's family and Cascade Medical administrators.

Rachel Avery, Cascade Medical's director of quality, expressed her gratitude for this new opportunity, saying, "This is such a great opportunity for staff to obtain education that will help them to reach their career goals. Many staff want to have more education, but it is costly. I am so grateful to see this opportunity for them!"

Mark Judy's dedication to education and empowerment of individuals inspired this initiative. Diane Blake reflected on Mark's vision, stating, "He believed in education and giving people the space and lift to make the most of themselves. I'm sure that was because he could see and want both the best for the person and then also the ripple of good things that extended to others around that person. It's a lovely way of consistently making the world a better place. This is a great way to honor him, to have financial lift available in perpetuity, for helping individuals and thus the world."

Historically, the Cascade Medical Foundation focused on capital projects to benefit Cascade Medical. Since its establishment in 1992, the Foundation has contributed more than \$1.8 million to various projects, including lab and radiology equipment, a new ambulance, and a mobile health clinic. Their commitment to enhancing healthcare services continues with their recent achievement of raising \$87,000 for a new cardiac rehabilitation center, set to open in January 2024.

The Mark Judy Memorial Caregiver Education Fund represents a new direction for the Foundation, adding a meaningful dimension to their mission. The first application period for scholarships from the education fund is expected to open in the spring, with potential benefits for Cascade Medical and the wider community. The Foundation's dedication to advancing healthcare and education remains unwavering.

GladSong benefits top \$100K



HANK LUBEAN/GLADSONG

Andy Anderson, in front on solo, as GladSong sings "Oh Happy Day," for Wenatchee's Hope Care Clinic at Calvary Crossroads Church on Sept. 24.

By **DAN WHEAT**
Press Release
GladSong

The community inspirational singing group, GladSong, has helped charities raise more than \$100,000 over the past three years in the greater Wenatchee area and has two more benefit concerts before its winter break.

GladSong began in 2021 and performs pop, country, jazz and

gospel tunes. It helped raise \$618 in a short 2021 season, \$42,275 for 11 charitable organizations in the first full season of 2022 and, so far, \$58,387 for seven charities this year. All concert proceeds go to the charity for which a concert is given.

"We love singing, touching people with positive messages and helping our community," said Tim Meyer, director.

GladSong's next concert is 6 p.m. Oct. 22 at Eastmont Baptist Church

to raise funds for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child that provides Christmas gifts in shoeboxes to children around the world. Many local churches participate each year.

GladSong's final 2023 concert is set for 6 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Wenatchee High School Commons to benefit the school's Random Acts of Kindness club.

GladSong was the featured entertainment at annual fundraisers

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Leavenworth Public Library to celebrate National Friends Of Libraries Week



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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Climate Change Talk at the Red Barn

The Wenatchee River Institute will host a climate change talk with University of Washington Senior Research Scientist Sarah Doherty on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a community social with beer and wine available for purchase.

"There's a lot more going on in the skies that's affecting climate than just increasing CO2," the event page states. "Come hear about some surprising aspects of climate change from local atmospheric scientist Sarah Doherty."

"Sarah will talk about how particles in the atmosphere, like smoke from fires and pollution from engines and industrial activities, are affecting our climate, how their influence on climate differs from that of greenhouse gasses like CO2, and how we might leverage these effects to reduce global warming and the negative impacts of climate change."

Wenatchee River Institute Red Barn events are now

hybrid and can be joined in person or on livestream.

The event is free with a donation basket at the door.

For more information visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Booktoberfest: Trivia Night

The Leavenworth Public Library will host Trivia Night on Oct. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.

"Trivia Night is back at the Leavenworth Library," the event page states. "The battle of the brains commences as Gracie cooks up a spread of wacky, weird, and crazy trivia questions about everything under the sun."

"Answer questions, guess answers, and compete with other groups of like-minded community members for a shot at the grand prize: bragging rights," the event page states. "Make a team or join one when you arrive. All ages welcome."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Art from the Heart

The Leavenworth Public Library will host Art from the Heart with Celisse Ellis

on Oct. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Turn 'cloudy' feelings into organized thoughts through the creativity of doodling," the event page states. "Led by art facilitator Celisse Ellis, participants can make heartfelt expressions and learn different journaling styles in a fun and safe environment."

Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and for ages 12 and up. Registration is required.

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Autumn Amble

The Wenatchee River Institute will host an Autumn Amble on Friday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"Join the Wenatchee River Institute for a two-hour autumn amble with one of our knowledgeable naturalists," the event page states. "Walk with us through Waterfront Park as the air begins to cool and the leaves turn gold. You will learn about the natural and cultural history of

Leavenworth with many scenic views along the way."

The event is limited to 10 participants and registration is required.

For ages 16 and up the cost is \$10. For ages six to 15 the cost is \$5 and ages five and under are free.

For more information visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Dead Man Walking Opera

The Icicle Creek Center for the Arts will host a viewing of The Met Opera Dead Man Walking on Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Join us at the Snowy Owl for The Met Opera HD Live Streaming event," the

event page states. "American composer Jake Heggie's compelling masterpiece, the most widely performed new opera of the last 20 years, arrives in cinemas in a haunting new production by Ivo van Hove."

"Based on Sister Helen Prejean's memoir about her fight for the soul of a condemned murderer, Dead Man Walking matches the high drama of its subject with Heggie's beautiful and poignant music and a brilliant libretto by Tony and Emmy Award-winner Terrence McNally," the event page states.

For more information visit icicle.org.

Recognizing local non-profits making a difference

As we approach the season of giving, we at Ward Media are excited to bring you stories that truly reflect the spirit of our community. It's that time of year when we come together to support those who work tirelessly to make North Central Washington a better place.

We believe that featuring local non-profit organizations is a wonderful way to showcase the dedication and selflessness

of those who contribute to the well-being of our community. This is why we're turning to you, our readers, for your valuable insights.

We invite you to recommend non-profit organizations you believe deserve recognition for their outstanding work. These organizations can be the unsung heroes who



From the Publisher
TERRY WARD

make a significant impact in our area, often quietly and without fanfare. Whether they provide essential services, advocate for a cause, or foster positive change, we want to hear about them.

Our mission is to shine a spotlight on these local heroes who embody the true spirit

of giving. We hope to inspire others to join their efforts and make this giving season special by featuring them in the Cashmere Valley Record.

Please take a moment to share your suggestions for these feature stories with us. You can email me at terry@ward.media or call my office at (509) 731-3284. Your recommendations will play a crucial role in helping us highlight the incredible work

being done right here in our own backyard.

As we embark on this season of gratitude and generosity, let's come together to celebrate the local non-profits that make North Central Washington a better place for all of us. Your input is invaluable in this endeavor, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for being a part of our community and helping us make a difference.

Link Transit celebrates completion of Leavenworth roundabout

Ribbon-cutting ceremony to highlight partnerships, improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety

Thanks to a strong collaborative effort with the City of Leavenworth and the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Link Transit's roundabout project at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and Icicle Road was completed on time and under budget. The agencies involved in the project are celebrating with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18 on the south edge of the roundabout. The small event is not expected to impact traffic flow.

"We could not be more pleased with how this project went," said Link Transit Chief Executive Officer Nick Covey. "We are even more pleased to bring safer, pedestrian and transit-friendly improvements to one of our region's busiest traffic corridors."

The improved intersection helps Link Transit buses navigate the length of the City of Leavenworth without having to detour through residential streets to turn around. Additionally, the tight turn of the roundabout forces traffic to slow down, enhancing safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.

With a price tag of \$2.2 million, the project is more than \$1 million shy of the initial projected cost of \$3.3 million. "Our partners at RH2 Engineering and KCRI Construction really delivered," Covey said. "We are happy we are wrapping things up in time for cold weather and the busy holiday season."

An April 2020 U.S. 2

Upper Wenatchee Valley Transportation Corridor Study conducted jointly by the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council and WSDOT identified the Icicle Road and U.S. 2 intersection project as a priority. Link Transit was able to finance the project out of its 2023 capital budget. The City of Leavenworth coordinated the installation of a new water main to coincide with the roundabout construction, a significant savings in terms of traffic disruption and direct costs to the City.

"We are always looking for opportunities to partner with other agencies to create a safer, more efficient transportation environment for our citizens," Covey said. "Link's motto is 'Connecting our Communities', and we feel this project is just one of the many ways we deliver on that promise."

Other recent Link Transit community projects include the Willkommen Park-and-Ride (located behind Safeway on the east end of Leavenworth completed in 2019), the East Wenatchee Park & Ride slated to open this fall, new highway bus stops in Cashmere and Olds Station and the installation of 19 free electric car chargers in the region.

Link's zero-fare public transportation service operates seven days a week, serving 3,500 square miles of rural North Central Washington and providing critical transportation connections for citizens in more than a dozen communities.

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.



October 6

02:18 Disturbance, 190 US Hwy. 2, Der Ritterhof
09:09 Civil Dispute, 100 Enchantment Park Way
10:39 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, 111 Park Ave.
10:42 Public Assist, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park
12:11 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 305 8th St., Blackbird Lodge
13:27 Traffic Offense, 960 US Hwy. 2
16:28 Animal Problem, 9892 E. Leavenworth Rd.
18:32 Domestic Disturbance, 100 Ward Strasse
18:43 Trespassing, 174 Poplar St.
21:07 Suspicious Circumstance, 3500 block Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin
21:39 Non-injury Accident, 940 US Hwy. 2
22:24 Traffic Offense, Sherbourne and Evans Streets
22:36 Traffic Offense, 200 Ward

October 7

02:18 Disturbance, 190 US Hwy. 2, Der Ritterhof
10:13 Public Assist, 731 Front St., Danish Bakery
11:03 911-call, 309 8th St., Post Hotel
12:41 Public Assist, Ski Hill Dr. and Prospect St.
13:35 Lewd Conduct, 8800 Icicle Rd.
16:56 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, Icicle Creek
17:10 Domestic Disturbance, Front and 12th Streets
20:03 Trespassing, 19115 Beaver Valley Rd., Plain
20:13 Malicious Mischief, 1000 A Front St.
20:15 Disturbance, Cedar St. and Burke Ave.
21:32 Noise Complaint, 715 Front St.
21:53 Trespassing, 9556 E. Leavenworth Rd.
22:40 Domestic Disturbance, 185 US Hwy. 2, Fairbridge Inn
22:43 Trespassing, 221 8th St.,

Ducks and Drakes
22:56 Domestic Disturbance, 9825 Duncan Rd., Peshastin
23:32 Trespassing, 221 8th St., Ducks and Drakes
23:48 Unknown-injury Accident, Icicle Rd. MP 5

October 8

09:12 Animal Problem, 24610 Spur St., Plain
10:51 Domestic Disturbance, 7600 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
10:51 Suspicious Circumstance, 1001 Front St.
12:58 Non-injury Accident, 11007 US Hwy. 2, Prey's Fruit Barn, Peshastin
13:06 Property, 810 Commercial St.
13:17 Non-injury Accident, Commercial and 2nd Streets
14:11 Public Assist, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee
14:58 Property, 8th and Commercial Streets

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Rich Brinkman

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Community Bulletin Board

Local, Regional Community News & Events

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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 Chamber of Commerce, 8 a.m. Call Chamber, 509-548-5807. Everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Email Troy@leavenworth.org for meeting information. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
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.
Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting, 7 p.m. via ZOOM link posted at <https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/activity-calendar.html> or contact Jenny 509-548-5904 (1st and 3rd Mon.)
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.)

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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, formerly known as the Upper Valley Museum. Now open daily 11-4. Check their Facebook page or website at <http://www.leavenworthmuseum.org> or www.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
Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939
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.

Leavenworth

Leavenworth Library hosts art show honoring Heidi Swoboda

The Leavenworth Library is set to host an inspiring art show dedicated to Heidi Swoboda, a prominent Leavenworth Professional Photographer, through Nov. 3 in the enchanting Fireside Room. This captivating exhibition presents a harmonious blend of artistry and literature, curated in collaboration with the NCW Libraries System. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves fully in the essence of each

artwork by exploring suggested complementary literature.

Heidi Swoboda's creations, primarily in the form of giclee with acrylic finish, showcase her remarkable talent. Her artwork is a testament to her deep connection with the beauty of our natural world and the profound moments and relationships that enrich our lives.

The show promises to be a unique experience, offering a glimpse into Heidi's distinctive artistic techniques and her passion for celebrating the wonders of our environment.

Leavenworth Library events

Read & Play Time for

Letters to the Editor

Disappointed by parking meters

I am very disappointed that Leavenworth decided to install parking meters throughout most of the city. I believe it is very negative treatment of all our visitors, but more importantly to our residents and particularly seniors such as myself. Additionally, when you look at the charge for overdue parking, it is totally out of line with what our lovely little town represents.

At a minimum of \$39 and after only two days, \$49, it smacks a bit of greed on the part of the city. As far as I know, other cities in our area that are tourist-driven, including Wenatchee, Chelan, Manson, and probably many others, have not made a conscious choice to go in this direction. I think the City Government should be ashamed of itself for continuing to move down such a greedy path. A partial solution would be to offer residents the opportunity to obtain a window pass, allowing them to park at any meter for free. Such a pass could even carry a small annual charge, e.g. \$25 as a possibility as well. Let's help our citizens and older residents out a bit rather than driving them away from shopping/eating at our local facilities.

Bob Hooson. Leavenworth

Supporting Gustavo Montoya

We support Gustavo Montoya for Hospital Commissioner, and we hope you do, too. We are two of your current hospital commissioners at Cascade Medical. We are writing this in our capacity as individual citizens without using any Cascade Medical resources.

Gustavo has been an outstanding commissioner in his first year. He provides a fresh voice and perspective to the Hospital Commission, and his financial and technology expertise has been a vital asset for our rural hospital. Over this last year, he has helped Cascade Medical improve outreach to all in our district, including our Latino community. He also has personal qualities important for a commissioner: integrity, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to learning. As he wrote in the Voters Pamphlet, "As Commissioner, I ask difficult questions while showing our healthcare professionals the respect they deserve; advocate for productive listening and graceful conversation; and help maintain a fiscally sound district that continues to serve all in our communities."

Please join us in voting for Gustavo Montoya.

Jessica Kendall,
Bruce Williams,
Leavenworth

Supporting Cindy Puckett and Duane Goehner

We, as former leaders of Cascade Medical Center (CMC), urge you to vote for Cindy Puckett and Duane Goehner for CMC's open board positions. We have been concerned about the overall direction of the hospital in terms of physician access, difficulty getting clinic appointments, inaccurate bills, low employee morale, and excessive staff turnover. Many of us have been communicating with the hospital board on these issues for over three years. After meetings with the commissioners during those years, we appreciate that there have been some areas of positive movement in addressing some concerns,

particularly physician turnover. However, the lack of board involvement in demanding additional important changes and monitoring whether measurable results have occurred is apparent and concerning. Our primary concerns are with the organizational aspects of the hospital, not the staff, whom we greatly admire and appreciate.

We believe we need at least some board members who have a deep, multi-generational, and personal involvement with CMC and very deep roots in the community. Cindy Puckett (whose mother, Arleen Blackburn, was a well-known hospital supporter and board member) and Duane Goehner have an intimate knowledge of the community history and the important role CMC has played. In fact, they were born at the old Cascade Hospital. They have the local history and personal experience to help avoid mistakes of the past, such as when CMC was at the brink of bankruptcy closure, billing disasters, and the huge loss of patients leaving CMC, which several of us personally were chosen to fix when we started serving CMC. We recommend change because we have seen these concerns before. Cindy and Duane will bring a new and exciting perspective to the hospital board. They are the kind of leaders we need.

Following in the footsteps of their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, Cindy Puckett and Duane Goehner have been community leaders in many roles and would continue making those contributions in their position as Chelan County Public Hospital #1 board members to ensure that CMC is the first choice for quality patient care.

Alex Saliby, former CMC Board Commissioner

Doug Williams, former CMC Administrator/CEO

Camille Stemm, former CMC Board Commissioner, and Chief Nursing Officer

Amy Webb, Former CMC Chief Operating Officer

Louise Bolser, career CMC Clinic Nurse

Teri McIntyre, MSN, RN, former CMC Clinical Nurse Manager

Supporting Gustavo Montoya and Bruce Williams

I am writing today to express my support to retain Gustavo Montoya as Cascade Medical Commissioner. As the Chief Technology Officer for a local agricultural business and a newly appointed commissioner, Gustavo brings a fresh and important perspective to our local hospital. In his short time on the Commission, his thoughtful comments about technology, AI, and the overall use of data have been helpful and well-received. He's also an experienced leader. In addition to expertise with technology, he's run a media company and served on several boards, including Pybus Market.

In my conversations with Gustavo, his integrity shines through. Community service and a strong desire to build upon the already strong foundation of Cascade Medical is a big part of his reason for serving. I strongly support Gustavo Montoya for hospital commissioner position 4. I also endorse Bruce Williams, who is also running for reelection and is an experienced, proven leader.

Shari L. Campbell,
Leavenworth

Babies with Amy. Tuesdays, 10-11 am. Babies and toddlers are welcome for books, songs, and playtime.

Preschool storytime with Gracie. Wednesdays, 11am-Noon. Join us for stories, songs and fun.

Trivia Night is back for a battle of the brains as Gracie cooks up trivia fun. Come with a team or join one. All ages are welcome. Friday, Oct. 20, from 4-6 pm.

Dungeons & Dragons & Libraries virtual online game led by Dungeon Master Gracie, Oct. 21 from 2:30-5:30 pm and every third Saturday monthly. Registration required. Fun for beginners and experts.

Art from the Heart doodling class for teens and adults, led by Celisse Ellis. Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 6-8 pm. Registration required.

Halloween Bash. Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 3-6 pm. Costume wearers and admirers are welcome to dazzle the "Costume Walk of Fame" and visit haunted bookshelves if you dare.

Questions: leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org 509-548-7923.

What's going on with Stevens Pass?

Curious about the upcoming ski season at Stevens Pass ski area? Mark your calendars for a presentation on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 PM, hosted by Wenatchee River Institute at the Red Barn.

Ellen Galbraith, Vice President and General Manager of Stevens Pass ski area, will provide a comprehensive overview of what's on the horizon. Gain valuable insights into her experiences from the previous season and learn about the exciting plans for the upcoming ski year. Discover the latest developments surrounding the news construction of Kehr's Chair.

If you have burning questions about Stevens Pass or the ski industry, this is your chance. The floor will be open for live questioning at the conclusion of Galbraith's presentation.

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Grizzly Bear restoration meetings scheduled for public input

SEDRO WOOLLEY – The National Park Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service have announced two additional meetings to facilitate public input on the recently released draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessing options for the reintroduction of grizzly bears to the North Cascades ecosystem in Washington. This initiative aims to restore the presence of these magnificent creatures in the region where they once freely roamed.

In addition to discussions about the draft EIS, the public is invited to express their views on the proposed rule from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This rule intends to provide local communities with additional management tools under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act, fostering a collaborative approach to grizzly bear conservation.

The public comment period is underway and will remain open until Nov. 13. During this time, written comments can be submitted. However, for those who prefer to share their thoughts verbally, the in-person meetings offer an opportunity to do so.



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The newly announced meetings in Darrington and Winthrop complement the previously advertised virtual and in-person meetings in Omak and Newhalem.

Scheduled Meetings Details:

1. Informational Virtual Public Meeting:
 - Date: Oct. 17
 - Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

- Platform: Microsoft Teams Live
- 2. In-person Public Meetings:
 - Oct. 30 – Omak, WA
 - Location: Okanogan County Fairgrounds (Agridex and Annex)
 - Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 - Nov. 1 – Newhalem, WA**
 - Location: Currier Hall
 - Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 - Nov. 2 – Darrington, WA**
 - Location: Darrington High School Auditorium
 - Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm

- Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- Nov. 3 – Winthrop, WA
- Location: Winthrop Barn Auditorium
- Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm

For comprehensive information about the draft EIS, submitting comments, and details on the virtual meeting, visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/NCEGrizzly>.

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- 16:42 Property, Snow Lakes Trailhead
- 16:58 Property, 300 Enchantment Park Way
- 17:09 Civil Dispute, 3444 Allen Ln.
- 17:20 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, Colchuck Lake
- 18:54 Disturbance, 8801 Icicle Rd.
- 21:08 Trespassing, 9556 E. Leavenworth Rd.
- 21:15 Diversion, 3914 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin
- 22:08 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 2 and Winton Rd., Lake Wenatchee

October 9

- 07:54 Runaway, 330 Prospect St.
- 09:44 Public Assist, 233 Whitman St.
- 09:55 Malicious Mischief, 10135 Peshastin Mill Rd., Peshastin
- 11:10 Property, 940 US Hwy. 2
- 11:38 Domestic Disturbance, 3914 Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin
- 14:45 Property, Icicle Rd. MP 6
- 14:54 Burglary, 10125 Chumstick Hwy.
- 15:15 Non-injury Accident, 520 Pine St.
- 16:20 Property, 940 US Hwy. 2
- 16:40 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 4637 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
- 17:29 Missing Person, 15361 US Hwy. 2, 59er Diner, Lake Wenatchee
- 18:10 Theft, 545 Junction Ln.
- 19:17 Disturbance, 600 block Front St.
- 19:49 Trespassing, 703 US Hwy. 2
- 20:14 Non-injury Accident, 18495 Camp 12 Rd., Plain
- 21:00 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, Colchuck Lake

October 10

- 13:26 Theft, 590 US Hwy. 2,

- Enzian Motor Inn
- 16:03 Weapons Violation, 9300 block Icicle Rd.
- 18:07 Agency Assist, Fish Pond Ln. and Chiwawa Loop Rd., Lake Wenatchee
- 19:28 Theft, 100 Ward Strasse
- 22:56 911-call, 13855 US Hwy. 2

October 11

- 02:08 Welfare Check, 221 8th St., Ducks and Drakes
- 03:39 Trespassing, 932 Main St.
- 04:23 Animal Problem, 11687 Sunitich Canyon Rd.
- 06:36 Alarm, 920 US Hwy. 2, Village Mercantile
- 08:23 Weapons Violation, Rock and Roll, Peshastin
- 09:16 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 228 Chumstick Hwy.
- 11:21 Alarm, 131 Benton St.
- 12:23 Trespassing, 18001 Winton Rd., Lake Wenatchee
- 13:34 911-call, 309 8th St., Post Hotel
- 14:32 Civil Dispute, 12613 Prowell St.
- 14:37 Suspicious Circumstance, 13110 Chumstick Hwy.
- 15:14 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 315 Benton St.
- 20:37 Domestic Disturbance, 34 Sylvester Meadows Ln.

October 12

- 06:25 Juvenile Problem, 330 Prospect St.
- 09:05 Vehicle Prowl, 505 US Hwy. 2, Icicle Village Resort
- 13:35 Public Assist, 16752 Fir Dr., Lake Wenatchee
- 14:17 Diversion, 600 Sherbourne St.
- 15:19 Theft, 19475 US Hwy. 2, Lake Wenatchee
- 15:52 Welfare Check, 7676 Icicle Rd.
- 19:32 911-call, 309 8th St., Post Hotel
- 20:16 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 2 and 3rd St.
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Leavenworth Pickleball's Oktoberfest Tournament

LEAVENWORTH – The Leavenworth Pickleball's Oktoberfest Tournament, a showcase of skill and sportsmanship, took place on Oct. 7 and 8 at the Cascade School District Tennis Courts. This two-day event unfolded on 12 well-maintained courts with portable pickleball nets. The tournament offered participants and spectators an exciting experience. The event was divided into two days, with Saturday featuring Women's and Men's Doubles and Sunday highlighting the

Mixed Doubles category. The competition was open to participants aged 18 and above, with skill levels ranging from 3.0 to 4.0. The format included round-robin play followed by playoffs, with matches played to 11 points and a requirement to win by 2 points.

Results from the Tournament:

Saturday:
Women's Doubles 3.0:
 • Gold: Lynne Faulkner (Wenatchee) & Jan Buckley (East Wenatchee)
 • Silver: Kim Johnson (Wenatchee) & Kristin Newberry (Wenatchee)
 • Bronze: Karla Gustafsson (Wenatchee) & Fran Smith (Wenatchee)

Women's Doubles 3.5:
 • Gold: Michelle Dorsh (West Richland) & Heather Lee (Kennewick)
 • Silver: Marit Jacobs (Spokane) & Kirsten Pinkney (Spokane)
 • Bronze: Jamie Voss (East Wenatchee) & Celest Fink (East Wenatchee)

Men's Doubles 3.0:
 • Gold: Jeff Beaty (Spokane) & Kyle Grove (Hayden, ID)
 • Silver: Carlos Abarca (Spokane) & Paulo Viveros (SeaTac)
 • Bronze: Albin Eskew (Wenatchee) & Hunter Biwer (Wenatchee)

Men's Doubles 3.5:
 • Gold: Sean Johnson (Ellensburg) & Peter Schuetz (Kittitas)
 • Silver: Alex Kinnaird (Seattle) & Bryan Maloney (Leavenworth)

Sunday:
Mixed Doubles 3.0:
 • Gold: Carol Hurst (Leavenworth) & Travis McMaster (Leavenworth)
 • Silver: Jen Snow (Coeur D'Alene, ID) & Kyle Grove (Hayden, ID)
 • Bronze: Amy Summers (Leavenworth) & Kolby Summers (Leavenworth)

David Stewart (Leavenworth, WA)

Mixed Doubles 4.0:
 • Gold: Stephanie Keegan (Edmonds) & Zachary Mangum (Edmonds)
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This event was made possible through the support of several generous sponsors. Leavenworth sponsors included The Local Event Rentals Co, Rhein Haus, Dog Haus Brewery, Enchantment Mobile Sauna, Munchen Haus, Leavenworth Pizza Company, Icele Brewing Company, Huney Jun, and Arlberg Sports. Washington sponsors included Astria Pickleball and Stephanie Keegan Photography.

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Mountain Meadows earns perfect survey Honored by State of Washington for 2023

LEAVENWORTH – Mountain Meadows, a long-standing senior living community in Leavenworth, received a Deficiency Free Survey from the State of Washington for 2023. Typically, the survey from DSHS takes place every 9-18 months on a random rotation. However, due to COVID, its been 4 years since the last survey. Washington state conducts surveys at regular intervals to evaluate all aspects of service and care provided by licensed assisted living residences. The

receipt of a Deficiency Free Survey is an acknowledgment by the state recognizing the community's quality outcomes for residents.

"We are proud to have received such a wonderful outcome, which is a rare occurrence, especially since the pandemic started in 2020," stated Amanda Ledezma, Executive Director at Mountain Meadows. "I would like to personally thank our staff members for helping earn the Deficiency Free Survey. Their dedication and

compassion for each resident shows in the excellent job they do on a day-to-day basis. Mountain Meadows is a result of the amazing team we have."

Mountain Meadows is a senior living community that provides independent living, assisted living and memory care. Residents enjoy personalized care, restaurant style dining, maintenance-free living and regularly scheduled social activities in an environment surrounded by friends and a caring staff.

For more information about Mountain Meadows, volunteer opportunities, careers, or to schedule a tour, contact the community at (509) 548-4076, e-mail info@mountainmeadowsliving.org, or visit www.mountainmeadowsliving.org. Mountain Meadows is a non-profit community owned senior living community located at 320 Park Ave, Leavenworth, WA 98826. The campus has been serving Leavenworth seniors for over 40 years.



Picking Apples

Today, we picked most of the apples off the one remaining apple tree in the little orchard Grandma and Grandpa planted back when I was in high school. The yield was good this year, even with only one tree. Grandpa put the forks on Johnny, his John Deer tractor, and scooped up a pallet for us to set the boxes full of apples on so we wouldn't have to carry them by hand on foot to the house. We picked three boxes of golden delicious apples and then set the boxes on the palate to be hauled up to the house. Silver-haired Grandpa, hands on the wheel of that John Deer tractor, backed up on the snowball bush lawn right up to the quaking aspen trees that border our property. A strong fall breeze shook those aspens, sending round chocolate-tinted tan quarter-sized leaves floating down all around him and his tractor. The leaves swirled and twirled, catching the light of the autumn sun. Grandpa

caught my eye, and with a grin, he said, "Wow, that's a bit of a breeze, eh?" Spinning, the leaves floated past the tractor's plywood roof, past Grandpa's silver hair and white grin, past his homemade vest and Carhart britches, past his still strong hands holding firmly to the wheel, past the John Deer green paint of the tractor's body and the boxes full of golden apples on the pallet supported by the two fork prongs connected to Johnny's lifting apparatus until they hit the rutted dirt under the tractor's tires to lay still and quiet destined to protect the worms hiding underground in the roots of grass where the chickens hadn't yet scratched. "Kind of like snow, isn't it?" I grinned back and nodded my head up and down. He asked me where I wanted to take the apples. I told him the back deck where Grandpa could see them. He mentioned something about giving apples to our neighbors as he jockeyed Johnny's pallet with the three boxes of apples on it

right up to the deck so I could unload them easily. Hearing Johnny, Grandma came out the door. As I sat the boxes on the deck table, she said to me, "Make sure to save the nicest ones to share with the neighbors." So, I did. sixteen of the best apples will make their way into the hands of our neighbors, giving Grandpa an excuse to spend a bit of time with each neighbor, just chatting, being approachable, and letting them know they matter to us.

Two Ways to Make Apple Sauce:
 Fresh Apple Sauce for Eating Right Now
 Quarter and core a fresh apple, scrape it with a spoon, and eat it as is. (Grandma tells me Grandpa used to feed me this type of apple sauce as a baby. Just remember to pay scrupulous attention to kitchen hygiene when using food this way for the very old and the young because their immune systems may not be as robust as a healthy middle-aged adult.)

Cooked Apple Sauce

- 4-8 apples peeled and cored
- Water as needed
- Sugar to taste (optional)

Put peeled and cored apples in a small crock pot or a medium-sized saucepan. Let the crock pot cook on low for 4 to 8 hours, or simmer the apples in the saucepan for about an hour until the apples

fall apart, adding water as needed. Add sugar to taste if so desired. Serve warm or cold. **Choices:** add a pinch of cinnamon or other spice or herb. Freeze for winter use in plastic zip-lock sandwich bags. Find a food-preserving book and figure out how to preserve applesauce for your family's winter eating.

About the author: In 2000 Michele Priddy left the work force to become a stay-at-home mother and wife. Being a one-income family in today's society meant she had to learn to budget quickly. Food became a priority early because she wanted the children to have the best nutrition she could offer them even on a budget. She taught cooking classes at various churches in her community on "How to stretch the food dollar with simple ingredients". Michelle has put her kitchen strategies, stories and recipes in booklets, her church newsletter and in her hometown newspaper, The Goldendale Sentinel. We hope you will enjoy her strategies, stories, and recipes.

Kodiaks Scoreboard

FOOTBALL	
Oct. 13:	Cascade 6, Columbia Burbank 41, Loss
GIRLS SOCCER	
Oct. 10:	Cascade 3, Omak 0; Win
Oct. 12:	Cascade 0, Cashmere 2, Loss
VOLLEYBALL	
Oct. 9:	Cascade 0, Omak 3; Loss
Oct. 12:	Cascade 0, Cashmere 3, Loss
Oct. 14:	Cascade 1, Fellowship Christian 3, Loss

Sports Schedule

FOOTBALL	
Oct. 20:	Cascade vs. Omak, Away at 7 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER	
Oct. 19:	Cascade vs. Chelan, Away at 4 p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY	
Oct. 24:	CTL Championship District VI at Walla Walla at 2 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL	
Oct. 19:	Cascade vs. Chelan, Away at 6:30 p.m.

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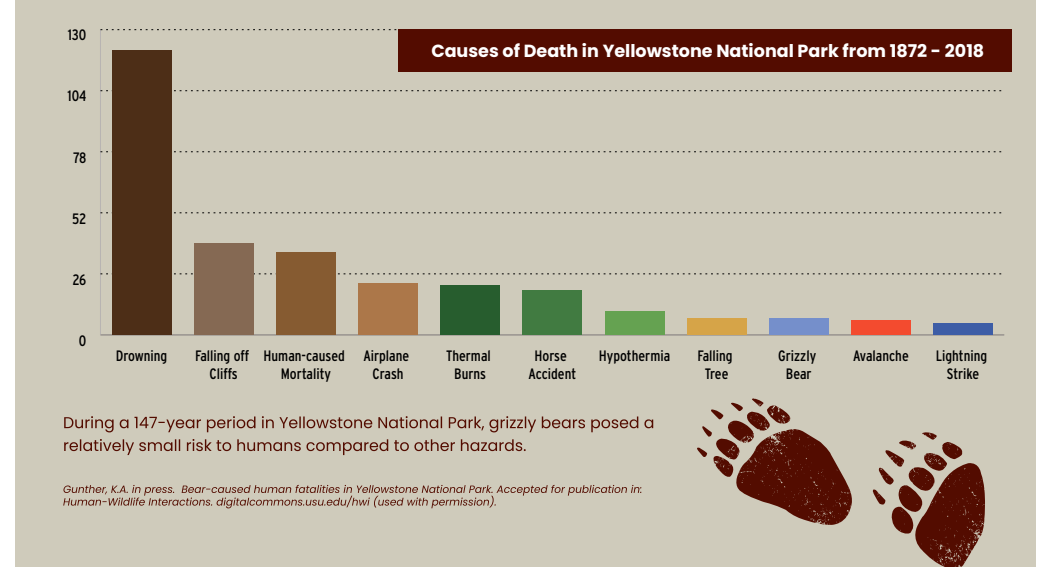
Grizzlies roamed Washington's North Cascades for thousands of years, but now none remain. Hunted, trapped, and poisoned, the bears were exterminated. We now have a plan—and a responsibility—to bring them back.

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With five city council positions on the ballot in Leavenworth, voters have the chance to select a new lineup of leaders in the general election on Nov. 7.

City council members are elected by the people to perform the legislative duties of the city. They set goals, priorities, and policies. They approve the annual budget and monitor expenses with an eye on infrastructure improvement and the overall wellbeing of the city.

Council members are elected for four-year terms. Those elected at the general election in November will assume office on Jan. 1, 2024.

City council meetings are open to the public and take place at Leavenworth City Hall (700 Highway 2) on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

In our commitment to bringing you informed election coverage, The Leavenworth Echo has reached out to the city council candidates and sent a comprehensive questionnaire to each candidate, seeking their insights on key issues and their vision for Leavenworth's future.

Here are the questions we posed to the candidates and their responses:

Why are you running for city council, and what motivated you to get involved in local politics in Leavenworth?

Tibor Lak: I'm running for The Council seat because I really want City Hall to make the best decisions on how to use city funds. I first got on City Council in 2004 because I felt that the city needed to focus on the towns infrastructure. And I wanted to find ways to boost the city's revenue to accomplish these things. For instance our roads, alleys, pool, sewer plant and many other things that needed updated.

Travis McMaster: I am running for city council in Leavenworth because I have witnessed firsthand the transformation of a small, community-centric town like Sedona in my home state into a tourist-heavy, high-traffic destination with time-shares and commercialization. This experience has motivated me to get involved in local politics in Leavenworth for several reasons including affordable housing and growth. The influx of tourists can drive up property prices and make it difficult for local residents to afford housing. I am committed to exploring ways to address affordable housing challenges and make sure that Leavenworth remains an accessible place to live for all income levels. I am passionate about promoting responsible and sustainable growth in Leavenworth. I believe that with the right policies in place, we can strike a balance between welcoming visitors and protecting the interests of residents. Parking is something that can frustrate both locals and visitors alike. We need a parking structure. We won't be the first small tourist-town to incorporate one and it can be done in a way that benefits downtown employees, locals, and tourists alike.

Polly McIntyre: Three years ago I started attending City Council meetings. It was time to educate myself about how City Council runs and how best to voice my thoughts and concerns. What I saw is a disconnect between the apparent direction of the Council and the desires of city residents. Talking with people around town, it was clear they felt that they weren't being listened to, that their input was irrelevant. Our city started something amazing 60 years ago. Today, we are a thriving, tourist-based community. I would like to create an ongoing discussion between residents, the Council and the business community on how we can sustain both a thriving economy and a sweet small

rural town. A town loved by both residents and visitors.

Shane Thayer: I decided to run for City Council because I want to give back to this community that has given me so much over the years. Leavenworth will always be home, and I deeply care about its growth and development. If elected, I will do my best to help address issues that affect the residents and businesses of Leavenworth. I am passionate about being a voice for the younger generations, having an open mind, and leading with compassion and understanding. I hope to be part of finding innovative ways to deal with the housing crisis, improving the town's infrastructure with an emphasis on road improvements, and securing the future of the City Pool.

Rhona Baron: I've lived in Leavenworth since 1984 and have advocated, innovated and worked in many ways for our community. In that sense, running for council is an extension of my history of engagement. However, I also believe we've reached a critical point where some of the elements we have enjoyed are at risk of being swept away. Therefore, I would like to continue serving our community with a focus on collaborating with citizens and providing transparency and integrity at City Hall. If elected, I will engage with our community to identify and protect what is best about life in Leavenworth while embracing the best of what the future can offer.

Marco Aurilio: I am currently finishing a two year term on Leavenworth City Council and am running for re-election to a 4 year City Council Position. When I established residence here, over 10 years ago, with my family, I volunteered in many areas of need here: Fire Department, Cascade Wellness Team, Youth Sports Coach and became aware of the lack of recreational amenities and affordable housing here as compared to other tourism economy cities. This motivated me to become involved and support positive change for the kids and community!

Zeke Reister: I was born here and grew up here in the Upper Valley. I believe one critical function of city government is the preservation of the community. I became involved when some agencies wanted to allow short term rentals without the owner present within the residential zones of Leavenworth when the existing code already prohibited them. Those promotions, the allowance of the Adventure Park, and the clear cut need for affordable housing in our community were all motivations for me to participate in local politics.

Anne Heesburg: I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue to represent and serve the residents of Leavenworth. I look forward to continuing to work on opportunities and issues that our community is facing. I am honored to have represented our community for the past four years as a council member, and look forward to continuing to do so for the next four years. Politics is not a motivating factor in my desire to hold a seat on the city council. I find joy and satisfaction in listening to our community members needs and wants, helping facilitate information gathering and data collection, problem solving and discussion opportunities, being a voice and representative, and working together to make balanced, thoughtful, data-driven decisions for the benefit of our community.

What unique qualifications or experiences do you bring to the table that make you a strong candidate for this position?

Travis McMaster: I believe I bring a unique set of qualifications and experiences to the table that make me a strong candidate for City Council of Leavenworth. My background in branding and

sales, particularly with early stage emerging brands such as HOKA, Hydro Flask, Hey Dude, and POC, has given me valuable insights into how to effectively market and promote businesses. Additionally, my experience as the founder of my own company, VARM, a responsible sleeping bag brand, demonstrates my entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to sustainable business practices. I have a proven track record of helping companies think and plan strategically to grow smartly, while also building an extensive network of strong relationships and key partnerships spanning several industries. This experience can be invaluable in finding innovative solutions to the challenges facing our city and ensuring sustainable growth. I am a member of the Adventure Travel Trade Association who's mission is to empower the global travel community to protect natural and cultural capital while creating economic value that benefits both trade members and destinations. Furthermore, my extensive travel experiences in Central America, Europe, Canada, and most states in the USA have provided me with a deep perspective on tourism, which is a crucial aspect of Leavenworth's economy. I understand the importance of balancing tourism with the needs and interests of the local community, and I am committed to finding ways to promote responsible and sustainable tourism in our city. On a personal level, my background as a past professional cyclist, avid mountaineer, climber, ultrarunner, and triathlete has taught me the value of determination, discipline, and teamwork. These qualities are essential in working collaboratively with fellow council members and addressing the diverse needs of our community. Lastly, as a husband and father, I am deeply invested in the future of Leavenworth. My daughter has previously worked at The Gingerbread Factory and I want to ensure that our city remains a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. My commitment to the well-being of our community is unwavering. In summary, my diverse background in business, travel, sports, and family life uniquely qualifies me to contribute to the City Council of Leavenworth. I am dedicated to leveraging my experiences and expertise to address the challenges and opportunities facing our city, and I am excited about the possibility of serving our community as a council member.

Polly McIntyre: I am already attending our City Council meetings. My involvement with Upper Valley Connection

(working with the special needs community) for over 20 years has given me a great opportunity to work with a widely diverse population. I have learned that everyone brings something to the table. My 40 years in the dental industry has taught me the value of collaboration. Listening and working with all participants will move us to outcomes that benefit all.

Shane Thayer: From a career perspective, I have 15+ years as an IT professional supporting various organizations in the Upper Valley. Prior to my career in IT, I worked at several locally owned businesses including Munchen Haus, Heidleburger, formerly Uncle Uli's, and currently Sherpas IT. I have also served on the By-Law Committee at the Leavenworth Golf Course. From a volunteering perspective, I have participated in multiple local area cleanups and organized fundraisers for the American Cancer Society in town. I have been incredibly community-focused my entire life and have strong connections with many members of this community. While this will be my first elected position, I have been regularly attending City Council meetings and have a thorough understanding of our local government and the city's decision-making process.

Rhona Baron: My deep familiarity, leadership skill and broad service within the community is an asset I will bring to the council. In the four decades I've lived in town, I've engaged in multiple aspects of community life. In the first decade, I worked with Peg and Bill Stark and their "Extended Family." I also worked downtown as a server. When the first color magazine about Leavenworth went to press, I sold advertising and helped launch the publication. Meanwhile, I was on the core team at Salmonfest. In the second decade I directed the choir at Faith Lutheran Church and directed the community Christmas shows. Through my work in the arts, I taught, performed and volunteered, including co-creating environmental education using dance, music and language for Birdfest. In my third decade, I engaged with students at Cascade High School as the the director of the Distinguished Young Women program. I also launched a career in radio at KOHO, then broadcasting from Sleeping Lady's campus. More recently, I worked as the Executive Director for Cascade Farmlands, marketing regionally grown food and drink, and producing the Leavenworth Wine Walks. I currently serve as Creative Director of Dangerous Women, a collective of visionary artists who bring women's history to life on stage. Through the years, my commitment

to improving the quality of life in Leavenworth has not wavered. I am an exceptional collaborator, compelled not by politics, but by great ideas and innovative solutions. I am creative, articulate, balanced and hard working.

Marco Aurilio: Prior to running for office here, I have become acquainted with this community through volunteering and substitute teaching. As an elected official, it is my primary duty to represent the community, adults and children, and pursue their needs. My constant interaction and push for more city surveys and communication, with our community, allows me to understand who they are and what they want. My professional background as Firefighter/EMT, Swiftwater Rescue Technician, Pharmaceutical and Food Scientist, college instructor, local business owner and previous Recreation Council member in Northern Washington, contribute to my problem-solving toolbox to deliver meaningful progress for our kids, community, businesses and visitors.

Zeke Reister: First, the fact that I lived and worked here in the late 60's and early 70's and was present when Leavenworth was beginning its transition to the Bavarian Village and then returned with my family to live in a city neighborhood just after the fires of 1994 gives me a broad based perspective on our Leavenworth community. As with many people, I value the incalculable beauty of our rivers and forest environment that is within walking and biking distance from our front porches. This must be protected and preserved and not exploited. I worked very intentionally to build consensus when I was a public school teacher with my fellow teachers and do the same with my fellow council members. Hearing people out, no matter if I'm directly opposed to their ideas, is something I strive for. Our residential neighborhoods are the backbone of our community and preserving their ability to be lived in is a most critical priority for me.

Anne Heesburg: I believe my professional experience in environmental and land use planning, as well as my diverse experience in community and civic service make me a strong candidate for this position. Environmental and Land Use Planner: 15+ years; City of Leavenworth - Residential Advisory Committee 2009-2021, Planning Commissioner 2010-2019, Parking Committee 2019 - present, City Council member 2020 - present, Mayor Pro Tempore 2020 - present, Economic Development Committee - 2020 - present, Public Safety Committee - 2020, Finance Committee 2020 - 2023, PRSA

2021, Link Transit Board 2022- present; Vice Chair 2023. Chelan Douglas Land Trust - Member 2009 - present, Board of Directors 2010-2019, Lands Committee 2010 - present, Outreach Committee 2015 - 2021, Governance Committee 2019 - present, Leadership Circle - 2019 - present; Leavenworth Mountain Film Festival - Board of Directors 2012 - present.

Tibor Lak: I served 3 terms previously and was appointed to current seat last when our city lost one of our long time community member and council member Carolyn Wilson who passed suddenly. While severing the city I have been on several committees like Public works, Finance, Economic Development, and LAP. While on these committees I learned some great ways to get Grants to help our village that never have to be paid back.

Leavenworth is known for its vibrant tourist industry. How do you envision balancing the needs of residents with those of tourists and businesses in the community?

Polly McIntyre: I think balance is the key! Our tourist industry IS thriving, but our residents are disconnecting. I will work to bring together the whole of Leavenworth in forums like the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area meeting on September 19.

The forum started with presentations by interested parties. Then public comment. Then a call for community involvement. This kind of engagement with issues isn't possible at the regular city council meetings. At the PRSA meeting the community not only felt heard, but it created the chance for new ideas to come up in how to tackle difficult issues. We need to give ear to our residents that worked so hard over the years to help build this thriving economy.

Shane Thayer: Because I have lived and worked here so long, I have seen firsthand our tourism economy grow and flourish. And while we truly live in a thriving, small business driven community, we have many serious challenges to sustaining our economy. These challenges include affordable housing for our workforce, community facilities to attract families and improve our schools, and improving our infrastructure for our residents and our visitors. To address these challenges, I see the importance of creating a balance between the needs of our business community and our residents. I don't see it as an "either/or" proposition, rather one of mutual success. My vision is to better leverage income brought

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Creating Cozy Interiors:

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Expert Tips for Embracing Autumn in Your Home

Ward Media

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisper, it's time to bring the warm and inviting spirit of autumn into your home. Ward Media, in collaboration with interior design experts, presents a guide on creating cozy interiors for the fall season. From warm color palettes to embracing plush textiles, these tips will help you transition your home decor seamlessly.

Embrace Warm Color Palettes: Fall is all about rich and earthy tones. Swap out the vibrant summer hues for colors like deep reds, warm oranges, and cozy browns. These shades not only evoke the essence of autumn but also create a sense of warmth in your living spaces. Consider incorporating these colors through accent walls, throw pillows, and drapery.

Layer with Cozy Textiles:

One of the quickest ways to make your home feel cozier is by adding layers of soft textiles. Swap lightweight summer throws and pillows for plush, chunky knits and faux fur accents. Drape warm blankets over sofas and beds, and scatter fluffy pillows around your living room. These textures not only look inviting but also provide comfort during chilly evenings.

Decorate with Autumn Elements: Bring the outdoors in by incorporating autumn elements into your decor. Collect pinecones, acorns, and colorful leaves to create charming centerpieces. Fill glass vases with seasonal flowers like sunflowers or deep-hued mums. These natural accents will infuse your home with the quintessential fall atmosphere.

Transitioning from Summer to Fall: To seamlessly transition from summer

to fall, start by decluttering your space. Store away summary items and bright decor, making room for your autumn additions. Consider repositioning furniture to create cozy conversation areas around a fireplace or a warm, well-lit corner.

Lighting Matters: Adjusting your lighting can significantly impact the ambiance. Swap out cool white bulbs for warmer, softer ones. Consider adding candles and lanterns to create a warm, flickering glow that enhances the cozy atmosphere.

With these expert tips and ideas, you can transform your home into a cozy haven that celebrates the beauty of autumn. So, grab a warm cup of apple cider and prepare to welcome the season in style. Create a space that not only looks inviting but also feels like a comforting embrace during the fall months.

Fall Maintenance Checklist:

Preparing Your Home for Winter

Ward Media

As autumn's crisp breeze sweeps through North Central Washington, homeowners are reminded that winter is on the horizon. To help you safeguard your residence against the upcoming chilly months, we've compiled a comprehensive fall maintenance checklist. By following these essential tasks, you can ensure your home remains cozy and comfortable throughout the winter season.

Cleaning Gutters

One of the first tasks on our list is gutter maintenance. As the leaves begin to fall, they tend to accumulate in your gutters, potentially causing blockages. To prevent water from overflowing and damaging your home's foundation, take the time to clean out your gutters. Remove leaves, twigs, and debris, and inspect for any loose or damaged sections. Ensuring proper drainage will protect your home from water-related issues during the winter.

Sealing Windows

Drafty windows can lead to heat loss and higher energy bills. Seal any gaps or cracks

around your windows with weatherstripping or caulk. This simple step can make a significant difference in keeping your home warm and energy-efficient. Don't forget to check for damaged or missing window seals, which should be replaced promptly.

Checking Insulation

A well-insulated home is key to keeping the cold at bay. Check your attic and walls for proper insulation. If necessary, consider adding more insulation to maintain a comfortable temperature inside your home. Proper insulation not only conserves energy but also contributes to lower heating costs.

Chimney and Fireplace Maintenance

If you have a fireplace or wood-burning stove, ensure they're ready for use. Have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional to prevent creosote buildup, which can lead to chimney fires. Make sure your damper is functioning correctly, and stock up on firewood if you plan to use your fireplace during the winter.

Inspecting the Heating System

Before the cold sets in, it's crucial to have your heating system inspected by a professional. Schedule a maintenance visit to ensure your furnace or heat pump is in good working condition. Regular servicing not only improves efficiency but also reduces the risk of breakdowns when you need heat the most.

Outdoor Preparations

Lastly, don't forget about your outdoor spaces. Drain and store garden hoses to prevent freezing and damage. Shut off exterior water sources and insulate outdoor faucets. Consider winterizing your lawn equipment and outdoor furniture, and trim any tree branches that could pose a threat to your home during heavy snowfall.

By completing these tasks on our fall maintenance checklist, you'll be well-prepared to face the challenges of winter. Ensuring your home is in top shape not only guarantees your comfort but also protects your investment. Stay warm and cozy this winter by taking proactive steps now.



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Home Improvement Financing Options

Ward Media

Whether renovating a kitchen, upgrading the outdoor space, or tackling essential repairs, financing these endeavors is a top priority. In this report, we explore the various financing options available to homeowners looking to enhance their abodes.

Home Equity Loans

One of the most common ways homeowners finance home improvement projects is through home equity loans. These loans allow homeowners to tap into the equity they've built in their homes over the years. Home equity loans typically offer fixed interest rates and predictable monthly payments. With the real estate market in North Central Washington showing strength, many homeowners find this an attractive option to fund their projects. However, it's crucial to remember that defaulting on a home equity loan could result in losing one's home.

Home Equity Lines of Credit (HELOC):

For those who prefer flexibility, a Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) might be the ideal choice. HELOCs provide homeowners with a revolving line of credit based on the equity in their homes. Borrowers can draw funds as needed, making it a convenient option for ongoing or uncertain projects. Interest rates on HELOCs are typically variable, meaning they can fluctuate with market conditions. It's essential to carefully consider the potential for rising interest rates when opting for this financing method.

Government Grants and Programs:

Several government grants and programs are available to homeowners who are looking to make energy-efficient or accessibility-related improvements. These grants often target specific types of projects, such as installing solar panels, improving insulation, or making homes more accessible for individuals with disabilities. While these programs can significantly reduce project costs, they may come with stringent eligibility criteria and application processes.

Personal Loans and Credit Cards:

Sometimes, homeowners use personal loans or credit cards to fund their home improvement projects. Personal loans offer fixed interest rates and a structured repayment schedule. Credit cards provide a convenient but potentially higher-cost option. It's essential to weigh the interest rates and terms associated with these options carefully.

Consultation is Key:

Before embarking on any home improvement project, experts advise homeowners to consult with financial advisors or lenders to explore the best financing options for their specific needs. Each homeowner's financial situation is unique, and selecting the right financing method can make a significant difference in the overall cost and success of the project.

As the fall season inspires homeowners to enhance their living spaces, various financing options are available to turn

those dreams into reality. Home equity loans, HELOCs, government grants, personal loans, and credit cards offer distinct advantages and considerations. By carefully evaluating these options and seeking professional guidance, North Central Washington residents can embark on their home improvement projects with confidence.

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Fall DIY Pest Control: Warding Off Unwanted Visitors

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As the leaves change colors and the air turns crisp, the fall season ushers in not only a picturesque landscape but also an influx of unwelcome guests – pests seeking shelter and sustenance in our homes. But fear not, for with a few simple strategies, you can fortify your defenses and keep these unwanted visitors at bay.

Seal Entry Points:

One of the first steps in preventing fall pests from infiltrating your home is to inspect and seal potential entry points. Walk around your house and check for gaps, cracks, and openings in doors, windows, and the foundation. Use weatherstripping, caulking, or sealants to close up these vulnerable areas. Remember, pests can squeeze through surprisingly small openings, so thoroughness is key.

Remove Attractants:

Readily available food and water sources often lure pests. Take proactive measures to

eliminate these attractants:

Store Food Securely: Keep all food, including pet food, in airtight containers. Don't leave dirty dishes in the sink overnight.

Clean Up Debris: Fallen leaves, fruits and other organic matter in your yard can attract pests. Regularly rake and remove these items.

Fix Leaks: Dripping faucets or standing water in clogged gutters can be an open invitation to pests. Repair leaks and ensure proper drainage.

Dispose of Trash: Keep trash cans tightly sealed, and take out the garbage regularly.

When to Call in Professionals:

Sometimes, despite your best efforts, pests may persist. In such cases, it's crucial to know when to seek professional help. If you notice signs of a pest infestation, such as droppings, gnaw marks, or an increase in sightings, it's time to contact a pest control expert.

Professional pest control services have the expertise

and tools to identify specific pests and implement effective measures to eradicate them. They can also provide guidance on long-term prevention.

Remember, addressing pest issues promptly can save you time, money, and stress in the long run.

Maintain Your Landscape:

Trimming trees and shrubs away from your home can deter pests from accessing your house. Overhanging branches provide a convenient bridge for critters like rodents and squirrels. Keep vegetation well-maintained and at a safe distance from your home.

By following these fall DIY pest control tips, you can enjoy the beauty of the season without the hassle of unwanted visitors. Take proactive steps to seal entry points, remove attractants, and, when needed, enlist the help of professionals. A pest-free home awaits, allowing you to savor the autumn splendor in peace.

Reviving Your Outdoor Space for Fall Gatherings

Ward Media

With the arrival of crisp autumn winds in North Central Washington, residents are gearing up to embrace the season's splendor by preparing their outdoor spaces for fall gatherings. As the leaves begin to change and temperatures drop, we've assembled a collection of tips and ideas to help you transform your backyard into an inviting haven for autumn get-togethers.



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Fire Pit Setup: One of the coziest additions to any outdoor space is a well-designed fire pit. As the temperatures dip, gathering around a fire pit becomes a cherished fall tradition. Ensure your fire pit is clean and safe by removing any debris from previous use. Consider adding comfortable seating around the fire pit area to create a welcoming atmosphere. Remember to follow local regulations regarding fire safety and permits.

Outdoor Lighting: With shorter days on the horizon, proper outdoor lighting can transform your space into an enchanting haven for evening gatherings. String lights,

lanterns, and well-placed spotlights can add warmth and charm to your outdoor area. Solar-powered lights are energy-efficient and provide a sustainable lighting solution. Don't forget to check and replace any burnt-out bulbs from last season.

Planting Fall-Friendly Flowers and Shrubs:

Enhance the aesthetics of your outdoor space with autumnal plants and foliage. Planting fall-friendly flowers and shrubs can add a burst of color and texture to your backyard. Consider planting chrysanthemums, asters, or ornamental grasses, which thrive in cooler temperatures and come in a variety of vibrant hues. Additionally, adding shrubs like burning bushes or Japanese maples can provide

striking focal points.

Cozy Outdoor Furnishings:

To make your outdoor space more inviting, invest in comfortable outdoor furnishings like cushions and throws. Choose autumnal colors and patterns that complement the season. These additions not only provide comfort but also add a touch of style to your outdoor area.

Fall Decor and Accessories:

Add the finishing touches to your outdoor space with fall-themed decor and accessories. Pumpkin displays, seasonal wreaths, and cozy blankets can create a festive ambiance. Don't forget to have a supply of warm drinks like apple cider or hot cocoa on hand for your guests to enjoy.

Remember to maintain your outdoor space throughout the season by regularly cleaning and storing outdoor furniture, raking leaves, and trimming overgrown vegetation. By following these tips and giving your outdoor space some TLC, you can create a welcoming environment for memorable fall gatherings with family and friends.

So, get ready to embrace the autumn season and enjoy the beauty of North Central Washington from your revitalized outdoor oasis.



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Fall Crafts:

Get Creative and Decorate Your Home for the Season

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As the leaves start to turn and a crispness fills the air, it's that time of year again – the perfect season for DIY fall crafts. Whether you're an experienced crafter or just looking for a fun weekend project, there are plenty of creative ways to personalize your home for the season.

Wreath-Making Delight

One of the timeless classics of fall crafting is making wreaths. It's a simple yet elegant way to greet your guests with the warm colors of autumn. To get started, gather materials like grapevine wreaths, colorful faux leaves, pinecones, and some floral wire.

Begin by arranging the leaves and pinecones in a pleasing pattern on the wreath. Secure them with the floral wire, and voila – you have a beautiful fall wreath to hang

on your door. Feel free to add a ribbon or bow for an extra touch of charm.

Autumn-Themed Centerpieces

Autumn-themed centerpieces are a delightful way to add a touch of seasonal beauty to your dining or coffee table. Gather a variety of fall elements like mini pumpkins, gourds, pinecones, and dried leaves.

Start by arranging these elements in a shallow bowl or wooden tray. You can even add candles for a warm, cozy atmosphere. The key is to mix and match textures and colors to capture the essence of fall.

Pumpkin Palooza

What's fall without pumpkins? Decorating pumpkins is a fantastic way to unleash your artistic side. Whether you're painting, carving, or bedazzling, pumpkins offer endless possibilities.

For those who love a good paintbrush, consider creating pumpkin masterpieces. Acrylic paints in autumn shades like burnt orange, deep red, and golden yellow can transform ordinary pumpkins into vibrant works of art.

If you prefer carving, intricate designs can turn pumpkins into spooky jack-o'-lanterns or whimsical characters. Don't forget to illuminate them with candles for a mesmerizing effect at night.

Personalizing your home for the season doesn't have to be complicated. These easy and fun DIY projects allow you to embrace the spirit of autumn and add a touch of creativity to your living space. So, gather your crafting supplies, put on your favorite fall playlist, and let your imagination run wild. Your home will thank you with a warm and inviting atmosphere that celebrates the beauty of the season.

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Safety First: Home Security Tips

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As the days grow shorter and the cover of darkness descends upon our communities, ensuring the safety of our homes becomes an ever more pressing concern. With that in mind, here is a comprehensive guide to home security measures that can help protect your family and property during the long nights of fall and winter.

Illuminate the Outdoors: One of the most effective deterrents to would-be intruders is proper outdoor lighting. As daylight dwindles, well-lit exteriors make it difficult for anyone to approach your home unnoticed. Consider installing motion-activated lights near entry points and pathways—illuminate dark corners of your yard to eliminate hiding spots.

Upgrade to Smart Home Security Systems: Modern technology has brought us smart home security systems that are both convenient and highly effective. These systems often include features like motion sensors, doorbell

cameras, and mobile app integration. You can remotely monitor your home, receive alerts, and even communicate with visitors from anywhere. Ward Media recommends researching and investing in a reliable smart home security system.

Reinforce Doors and Windows: Your home's entry points are its most vulnerable spots. Strengthen your doors with deadbolt locks and solid core doors. Reinforce door frames with strike plates. For windows, consider shatter-resistant glass or window locks. A secure home begins with secure access points.

Maintain Landscaping: Overgrown bushes and trees can provide cover for potential intruders. Trim shrubbery near windows and eliminate any hiding spots in your yard. An unobstructed view of your property from the street can discourage criminals.

Build a Neighborhood Watch: Connect with your neighbors to create a sense of community vigilance.

A tight-knit neighborhood where residents look out for one another can be a powerful deterrent. Share information about suspicious activities and keep each other informed.

Secure Your Garage: Don't overlook the garage, which often houses valuable items and provides access to your home. Make sure your garage doors are secure, and consider a security system for this area as well.

Home Security Assessment: If you're unsure about the vulnerabilities of your home, consider hiring a professional for a security assessment. They can identify weak points and suggest improvements tailored to your property.

The changing seasons remind us of the importance of home security. By taking these proactive measures to safeguard your home, you can enjoy the cozy nights of fall and winter with peace of mind. Remember, it's always better to be prepared than caught off guard. Stay safe, stay secure, and protect what matters most.



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Energy-Efficient Upgrades:

Saving Green While Going Green

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In an era of rising energy costs and heightened environmental awareness, homeowners are increasingly turning to energy-efficient upgrades to not only reduce their carbon footprint but also to save significant amounts of money in the long run. Let's explore some of the top energy-saving home improvements that have been gaining popularity in North Central Washington and beyond.

One of the most accessible and impactful changes homeowners can make is installing programmable thermostats. These devices allow residents to regulate their home's temperature more efficiently, adjusting it based on their daily routines. By reducing heating and cooling

when it's not needed, families can slash their energy bills by up to 10%, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Adding insulation is another key upgrade, especially in regions like North Central Washington, known for its cold winters and hot summers. Proper insulation keeps homes cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter, reducing the strain on heating and cooling systems. This translates to lower energy consumption and substantial cost savings.

Upgrading to energy-efficient appliances is also a wise investment. Modern appliances are designed to be more energy efficient, using less electricity or gas while providing the same level of performance. For example, switching to an ENERGY

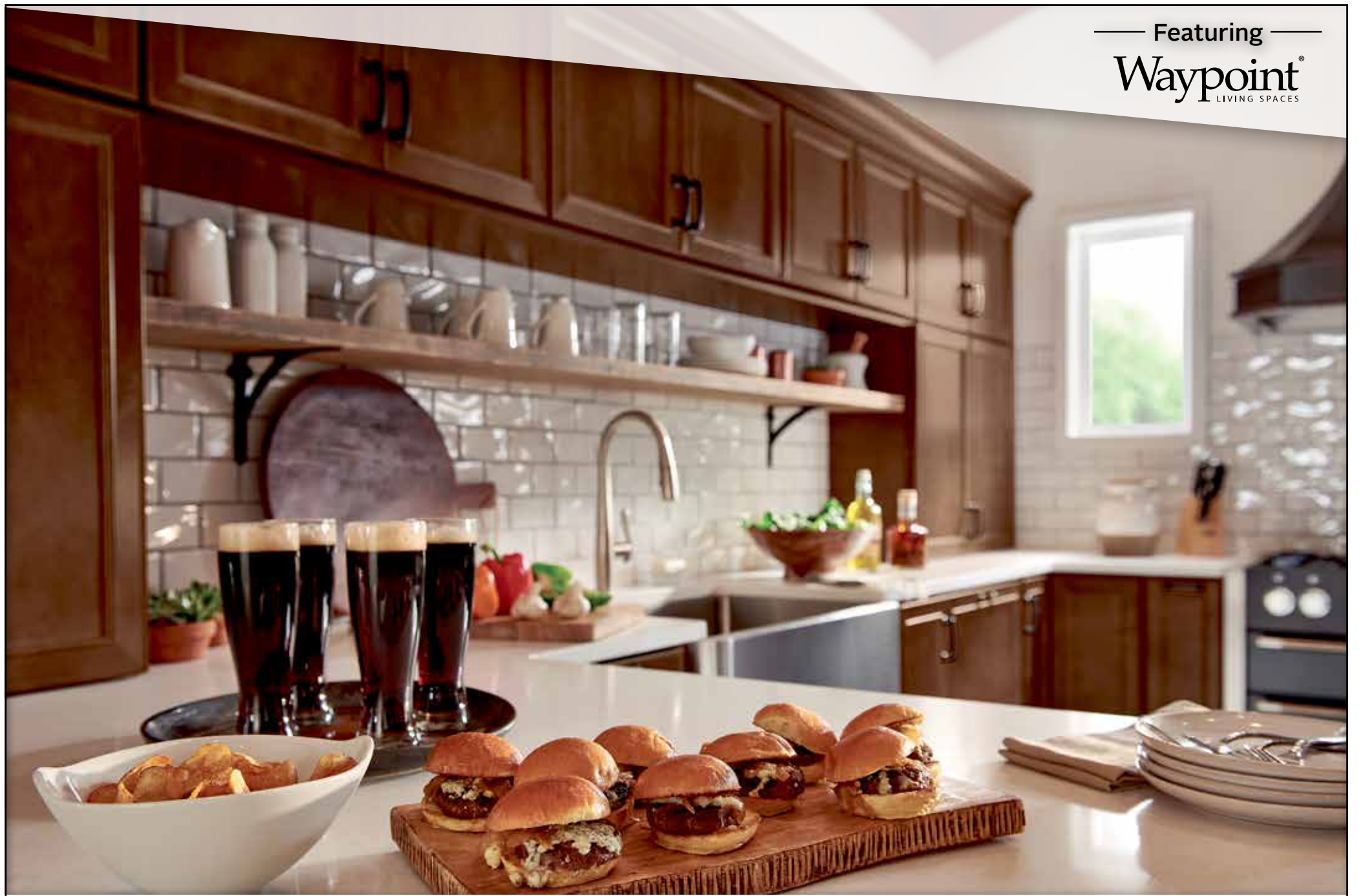
STAR-rated refrigerator can save homeowners up to 15% on their energy bills compared to older models.

Furthermore, these energy-efficient upgrades not only benefit homeowners but also contribute to a greener future. By reducing energy consumption, individuals are lowering greenhouse gas emissions and helping combat climate change.

Making energy-efficient upgrades in your home is a win-win situation. It not only helps homeowners save money on their energy bills but also contributes to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future. So, if you're looking to save green while going green, consider these energy-saving improvements for your home.



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in by our tourism economy to help improve and benefit the community and at the same time create more opportunities for our businesses. I support marginally increasing funding sources to help fund major projects such as additional parking, a new pool/rec center, and addressing affordable housing. And by funding these projects, our community will attract more families and workers, address the needs of our tourists, and create a mutually beneficial and sustainable economy. We have an opportunity to build on our town's business success and make Leavenworth truly a successful community for all.

Rhona Baron: In my opinion, residents needs and their community experience has begun to degrade in the past perhaps five years at a rate I have not seen in the past. This concerns me. For instance, I believe parking downtown should be free for locals on a thoughtful basis. My initiative for free parking can be found on my candidate website, rhona4council.com. The bigger picture is that, although Leavenworth in general is booming, a number of businesses, still locally owned, struggle in various ways downtown. We need to work with our local owners and prioritize them over out of town franchises. I am also concerned about the impact our visitors have on local recreation and wild areas. The best way to dissect and solve our issues is open conversation that will tap the entire town for solutions. Change will come. We must plan thoughtfully, and prepare to succeed together.

Marco Aurilio: The priority here is to serve the community, however a thriving downtown economy can accomplish that, with appropriate priorities. I am a local business owner, who agrees with that philosophy. Business and tourism are the fuel that keeps this economy running and vibrant. I envision striking this balance by working with the chamber to keep the community invited and welcome to downtown. For example, I have proposed that local residents receive 10hrs of free parking downtown every month, and seeking support for that. Also creatively using Lodging Tax to help fund facilities such as the Aquatic Center and events that serve BOTH the community and tourists, with strategies to help improve business during our shoulder seasons, that mitigate the challenges for downtown business revenue fluctuation.

Zeke Reister: That is a struggle. Because of our vibrant economy, the incredible beauty of our local environment, and its popular draw, we now have exorbitant housing prices which threaten the preservation of our community. It is critical we implement strategies that promote affordable housing, work with the community to determine what they want for a city pool, re engage efforts to establish a community center at Osborn, and establishing a cap on the number of B&B's allowed in our residential neighborhoods are just a few of the issues that need to be addressed to preserve our community.

Anne Heesburg: Our residents bare much of the impact, positive and negative, from our thriving and successful local tourism industry. The City of Leavenworth has the unique opportunity to use tourism lodging tax for eligible tourism promotion activities and tourism-related facilities, that benefit our residents as well as our businesses. Something I am proud to have played a part in creating is our Lodging Tax Grant Program. Lodging tax has made it possible for the city to provide a certain amount of annual funding for grants that are available to non-profit organizations for activities that encourage tourism locally. Thoughtful listening, dialogue and coordination with community members helps balance the needs across our community.

Tibor Lak: I believe that the best way to keep our city vibrant and our residents happy is to maintain the tourism at a high level. Then the monies the tourists spend generates money to employ locals in the tourist industry and to generate tax dollars sufficient to keep updating and maintaining Leavenworth. I

recognize that this is a fine line to walk to keep everyone happy, but we have to try moving forward.

Travis McMaster: I have seen how unchecked tourism and commercialization can erode the unique character and charm of a small town. I want to ensure that Leavenworth retains its sense of community and does not fall victim to overdevelopment and excessive tourism. There are ideas that an expanded community center or hockey rink will be shared by tourists and the community alike. I am a proponent of junior athletic programs but not at the risk of "if you build it, they will come" mentality, relying on tourists to pay part of the bill by their participation. The Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce has done a good job with this delicate balance. One example is moving from a city-lighting one night mass convergence on Front St, to a multi weekend event, both benefiting the businesses and relieving pressure on the town resources alike.

Infrastructure and public services are crucial for any community. What plans or ideas do you have for maintaining and improving essential services like roads, utilities, and public safety in Leavenworth?

Shane Thayer: Like most small towns in America today, we are faced with a deteriorating infrastructure. The quality of our roads, especially in the residential areas, is poor at best. Most roads require more than just filling holes which requires large amounts of funding. These complexities are due to outdated infrastructures under the roads. The Public Works Facility including the Water Treatment Plant are in dire need of expansion. Having access to a safe space to learn to swim or obtain water safety is a major public safety issue, especially given our proximity to a river that claims numerous lives every year. Our roads, public works, and community safety are immensely important to me. I would like to discover other resources for funding these necessary improvements. Improving our roads for the long term is critical. Properly addressing our water treatment needs will take new ideas and securing the future of our pool or a new one is something we need to address sooner rather than later. We need to hit these issues head on, and I am committed to finding solutions that will work.

Rhona Baron: Sadly, infrastructure in Leavenworth is a mess. We have the third worst streets in the state. We are in the top echelon for fire danger. We have water lines that lose almost a quarter of their flow due to breaks and leakage. Our sewer is close to triggering the attention of the Department of Ecology at peak season. Storm water drainage is an issue, as is traffic flow. I am dissatisfied with the lack of progress from City Hall on these matters. Infrastructure is crucial to everything that follows, meaning it must be in place in order for our citizens to live and do business in Leavenworth! Some studies have been done by the city. It's a start. But so much more needs to occur and be prioritized. We must have emergency escape plan for catastrophic fire. We must secure funding and repair our water lines. We must consider the source of water and measure that against how much more development the town can sustain. The list goes on. I favor a multifaceted infrastructure plan because these pieces are connected, and connected to our future! We must begin to act more assertively on infrastructure as soon as possible.

Marco Aurilio: I have been an integral part of the planning process to expand our wastewater treatment facility and public works on the East end of the city. Also, I have helped coordinate a grant writer for the city to find more funding for road improvement, as our road repair plans budget is beyond our tax resources. Furthermore I am lobbying to improve our Wildfire Preparedness, by proposing increasing our Fire Retrofit Grant(helps pay for improvements to older homes to resist wildfire embers) from \$50k to \$300k, and working on an automatic sprinkler system for downtown to prevent catastrophic structure fire

from embers, as was recently witnessed in Medical Lake WA and Maui HI. Finally, I am pushing hard to have the Aquatic Center proposal realized for our children to have the opportunity to ALL become competent swimmers for safety in proximity to our beautiful and powerful Wenatcheeriver, and providing our students the possibility of receiving college athletics swimming scholarships, with the development of CSD Swimming / Diving Varsity Athletics.

Zeke Reister: There has been a history of deferred maintenance in the infrastructure of our water system and streets. As a council, we have appropriated significant funds to increase public works staff and street maintenance equipment including two new dump trucks to expedite repairs and snow removal.

Anne Heesburg: Essential services such as roads and utilities are operated, maintained, and improved by our city's Public Works department with funding from enterprise funds (self-supporting government funds), the city's Transportation Benefit District funds, and grant and loan funds. The City has an incredibly hardworking Public Works team that is highly effective in keeping our essential services operational and maintained each year. Focusing available funds on maintenance projects, improving deficiencies, and striving to sustain a high level of service is a priority for me. Strong communication and coordination with the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, community members, as well as the WSDOT is essential for maintaining and improving public safety in our community. Our city has three Sheriff's deputies providing safety, justice and security, as well as a liaison officer that provides monthly public safety reports to the community.

Tibor Lak: One of the best way to maintain and improve infrastructure is the constantly applying for grant money from the Federal, State, and local agencies such as the Port of Chelan-Douglas county. These funds or even matching funds will help with the enormous cost of road repairs, sidewalks around town, sewer line updates and repairs. And many more things like maintaining our Public Works equipment and replacing outdated vehicles such as snowplows, tractors and other heavy equipment.

Travis McMaster: Maintaining and improving essential services like roads, utilities, and public safety in Leavenworth is of utmost importance to ensure the well-being and growth of our community. As we face the need for expanded development, particularly with projects like Alpenglow 3, it becomes crucial to have a well-thought-out plan in place. Regarding infrastructure - to accommodate the increased demand for utilities, including sewer and water treatment, we need a well-defined plan. Our immediate focus should be on a comprehensive 5-year plan that outlines the expansion of these facilities. This plan will consider population projections, usage patterns, and environmental sustainability. We should actively seek state and federal grants to help fund these infrastructure improvements. When it comes to road maintenance and improvements- roads are a vital component of our infrastructure. Regular maintenance and repair of existing roads for the long term are necessary to ensure safety and ease of transportation. I will make sure we fix the roads in the most fiscally efficient way. Finally, Emergency Preparedness-in addition to public safety, our emergency response plans need to be robust. During the August 10th, City Council Meeting, several fire agencies spoke and asked the city if they have done their part in fire prevention. The city has had a retired firefighter on City Council, yet the city has looked to the local fire agencies as "it's your job, not ours". I will work with the city on strengthening our emergency response capabilities and increasing community awareness to handle unexpected events effectively. Leavenworth's continued growth and development require careful planning and investment in essential services and

infrastructure. By addressing public safety, utilities, and road improvements in a well-coordinated manner, we can ensure that our community remains a safe, sustainable, and vibrant place to live, work, and thrive.

Polly McIntyre: Here is what I have learned. Roads and utilities are joined together. Our City Public Works Administrator Tom Wachholder performed a thorough infrastructure assessment a couple years ago and this is what we are dealing with. Our 50+ year old water and sewage lines run under our roads. The sewage lines are now being repaired and lined. The water lines are smaller than needed to supply our rapidly growing community. There is planning to systematically start replacing roads and water lines "together" to be more cost effective. This is a huge step in the right direction. Each of us has our least favorite pothole. Maybe we can open a discussion about spot pothole repair where there is a public hazard. Police and Fire departments across the entire nation are struggling for resources. This is an ongoing issue that would benefit from lots of public involvement, as was discussed in the City Wildfire Workshop meeting on August 10th.

How do you plan to address environmental concerns and promote sustainability within the city while also fostering economic growth?

Rhona Baron: I am not sure this question has quite the correct focus, as I don't believe our city's economic growth, including downtown businesses, are what most impact the environment. But I will say that the natural world is a particular interest of mine. In fact, 40 years ago I started an organic habitat yard in town that currently flourishes with 30 species of birds, mammals and the occasional frog. The environment can only handle so much human impact before its renewing cycle of life is broken. Therefore, I favor limits on human usage of our rivers, wilderness areas and wetlands. This is nothing new, but in the greater Leavenworth area we are at risk of "loving" some of our natural assets too much. I am also a huge proponent of environmental education. My dream is that community organizations and businesses such as Waste Loop, Wenatchee River Institute, The Farmers Market, Leavenworth Winter Sports Club, The Forest Service and the schools put their heads together and figure out how to make our Bavarian Village more accessible for environmental education. I'd like to see environmental ed baked into more of what we do, including the rebuild of our now car-free downtown.

Marco Aurilio: Our city needs to improve its recycling capacity especially downtown and I have advocated and will continue for downtown recycling. I am supporting more walking and biking paths while pushing for parking garages outside of town with electric shuttles to better manage our people flow and keep cars out of downtown, which will ultimately provide more efficient delivery of people to downtown while improving their experience. I am also an advocate and participant of river clean up and river floater education on our sensitive ecosystem. Wildfire is also a huge environmental concern and together with Councilmen Lundgren and Reister, we are keeping that issue at the forefront of discussion and action.

Zeke Reister: That balance is a struggle. As a member of the Downtown Steering Committee we are going through a step by step procedure to renovate the downtown core. The closure of Front Street to automobile traffic and making it a pedestrian plaza has enabled Leavenworth to become much closer to an authentic Bavarian Village. We are a city of 2,200 residents but our downtown core is visited by upwards of 2.75 million visitors annually. That has resulted in a potential overuse on our surrounding rivers and a detrimental impact on areas such as the Enchantments. The Enchantments are not our jurisdiction, but as a member of the River Study Committee which includes members of the Chamber, city government, and Chelan Co. agencies, and commercial rafting and tubing

companies, we have initiated measures to educate river users on safety, garbage, and respecting private property. We hope to initiate measures in the future that actually limit the number of tubers that access the river on property owned by the city.

Anne Heesburg: It is important for the city to continue to partner with local non-profits like Waste Loop and companies to offer our residents and businesses the best way to dispose of solid waste and recyclables. Our recycling center offers services that keep these forms of refuse out of the landfill, and in turn reduces garbage costs. I would like to help foster growth in the city's partnership with Winton Mfg to expand their composting program. This could greatly reduce garbage costs for food producing businesses.

Tibor Lak: It is no secret that we all need to do our part to be friendly with our environment. We should recycle when possible, re-use often, and encourage to our visitors too also. To make this possible I would like to see the recycling site enlarged and open more hours.

But this will take personnel and money. If we make this a priority both can be found.

Putting people to work is economic growth.

Travis McMaster: While addressing affordability, we must also consider the environmental impact of development. I will work towards sustainable housing solutions that minimize our carbon footprint and enhance the long-term livability of Leavenworth. Preserving greenspaces is important and plays into my campaign slogan, "Progress with Purpose". Progress is inevitable but we must also preserve our natural surroundings. Leavenworth has amazing institutions including WWRI and Mountain Sprouts that ensures our future citizens, not only of Leavenworth, but of the planet, respect, understand and appreciate our resources. Leavenworth is an outdoor enthusiast's playground. The city has so many natural offerings from floating and rafting Icicle Creek and Wenatchee River to bouldering/climbing areas in the surrounding area. Leavenworth has more to offer than shopping and drinking beer, let's make sure we continue to offer it.

Polly McIntyre: I think environmental concerns are on everyone's mind. From the impact on wildlife, to the flow of water, to the importance of surrounding trees and green spaces. Deer walk through our streets all the time, but we slow to look and so do our visitors. Changing water flows have already impacted some of our recent development decisions. Replacing our trees and grass with impervious surfaces will have an effect. Green spaces— they provide connectivity for the wildlife. They provide play space for families and gatherings and they contribute to a sense of mental health and calming. These are big issues that will benefit from public input as we balance our community's well being and economic growth.

Shane Thayer: Our town's success is not only tied to our Bavarian themed tourism, but also to our beautiful environment. It is imperative we preserve this asset into the future. One way to do this is by providing education and training materials on pack it in/pack it out to the thousands of nature enthusiasts visiting us. Additionally, educating our residents and businesses on and what the town's limited recycling abilities is a huge step in the right direction for sustaining our environment. Fortunately, Waste Loop has shown tremendous support in the area for improving recycling. I am eager to work with this organization and others to reduce unnecessary waste and preserve our rich environment.

Leavenworth has a strong sense of community identity. How do you intend to engage with and involve residents in decision-making processes for the city's future?

Marco Aurilio: While I have pushed hard for more surveys and community meetings here, which has improved, I realize that most people cannot dedicate their evenings to meetings as they

work full time, have families and need to recreate. I have been proposing monthly short surveys to keep our entire community engaged and will continue that push, along with forums and events. We need to hear from everyone, all 2500 residents, kids and adults, not just the 100-200 who can show Up!!! This year in cooperation with the amazing swim league volunteers, we coordinated the entire Swim League attending and commenting at a City Council Meeting to improve the relationship with the City / PRSA and outcome of the Swim League Pool Use Agreement and Season.

Zeke Reister: There are multiple issues in front of the community. I maintain an e-mail list of 40+ Leavenworth residents both within and without the city limits. I try, as time allows, to send out information on upcoming issues before the City Council and ask for their input. Earlier this month, the PRSA facilitated a public discussion in the FestHalle on building a year round pool with open discussion and a question and answer period. It served as a reality check on what was possible, what might be done, and clarified misconceptions. I am advocating similar further public discussions be held on the Osborn Community Center, issues of affordable housing, and other critical issues before our community.

Anne Heesburg: I am an open-minded, active listener, and strong communicator that encourages respectful dialogue regardless of the topic or position. I will do my best to encourage community building, inspire positivity and positive interactions, active listening, strong communication, and respectful open dialogue with those who have entrusted me to serve them. I will also encourage our residents to attend and participate in our public meetings, and push for more community workshops and events where residents can engage, make their voices heard, and be a part of the decision-making processes.

Tibor Lak: The city has already been holding quarterly community engagement nights at the Fest Hall to present proposed projects and get community feedback. The city has also encouraged the community to attend the City Council meetings that are held at City Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. These meetings have seemed well received and a lot of great input has come from our local residents.

Travis McMaster: Did not provide an answer

Polly McIntyre: At City Council meetings I have comments I want to make, I want my voice to be heard and I want discussion. Many of us in town have that desire. City Council meetings have an agenda and a time frame that need to be adhered, this tends to limit active discussion. As I mentioned in my answer to Question 3- I would like to organize regular community forums that all would feel welcome to open and civil discussion. Our greatest asset is our community, both residents and business owners. I would like to see our greatest asset given its rightful place of importance.

Shane Thayer: It is my goal to make sure the community is informed and included as much as possible by keeping open lines of communication and engaging more young voters to better understand their wants and needs. An excellent current example of this is the work that Chantell Steiner and the city have done by providing access to the city's budget on the website in a user-friendly digital version for anyone to view the financial information relating to projects, debt, capital improvements, etc. I think we can do more of this with other city-related information and communications. I would encourage a more regularly published survey of what is important to residents, which could also be a valuable tool for the City Council.

Rhona Baron: When people stop being engaged, it's not because they are content. Rather they have given up because they don't feel their voice matters. Yet, that seems to be exactly what has occurred with our community today. Meetings at city hall are poorly attended. Meanwhile, citizens grumble about never being listened to and taken seriously by city hall. In writing "The

Whistle” column in the Echo in the past year, I’ve learned that folks have a lot on their minds. A lot they are unhappy about. If I am elected, I will absolutely support transparency, communication and collaboration with the community. We need regular open mic meetings. We need to stop paying for surveys weighted for certain results or those that leave us with unclear summaries of where voters stand. Being an Independent and a (passionate) moderate, I have no political agenda except that city government behaves as an “active listener” to truly represent the people.

What strategies do you propose for addressing affordable housing and ensuring that Leavenworth remains an accessible place to live for a diverse range of people?

Zeke Reister: Ensuring and promoting affordable housing in Leavenworth is an uphill struggle due to lumber prices, land availability, and funding streams for the city. When Senator Brad Hawkins proposed SB5868 that expanded public facilities sales and use tax to include affordable workforce housing, I along with Mayor Florea, testified in favor of the bill in front of the Senate Housing Committee and lobbied our State Representatives Goehner and Steele for its passage in the House-which they did support and it became law. I will also propose locating parcels of city owned land which would be amenable for affordable housing. We are reestablishing a Housing Committee to recruit members of the community knowledgeable in housing construction, real estate, and strategies in affordable housing to further promote affordable housing in Leavenworth. There are other strategies such as Multifamily Tax Exemption and Inclusionary Zoning, deed restriction, and other strategies that are worth our consideration.

Anne Heesburg: Leavenworth is a very desirable city with many incredible employment and lifestyle opportunities. As our city has grown, its housing has not been able to meet the housing needs of all income levels. Working to solve our housing issues has been a priority of mine during my current council term, and will continue to be a priority. There is not just one answer to our growing housing needs in our city, but there is progress that can be made. I would seek to continue to implement recommendations from our Housing Action Plan, including the development of incentives within the city’s code for diverse housing types and increased inventory. I would work to coordinate locally, regionally and at the state level for funding opportunities. Partnering with and supporting the work of organizations in our city and county, such as the local housing authorities, and housing trusts can be great steps in positive change.

Tibor Lak: Addressing the affordable housing issue is a very difficult puzzle to solve. The land in Leavenworth has jumped in value. The products used to build housing has doubled in the last few years. The wages that people make building houses has jumped. With all of these factors, it’s very difficult to find a way to build affordable housing. I’m not saying it’s impossible but it will take some very creative collaborations with other agencies to get this to happen. This will take time also. Maybe we need to look at the Habitat for Humanity model again. They built several houses in town. I believe that this worked because the people that would receive the house helped build it from the ground up. That gave them pride to have “sweat equity” in the house.

Travis McMaster: As a candidate for City Council, I am committed to addressing the issue of affordable housing and ensuring that Leavenworth remains an accessible place to live for a diverse range of people. Here are some strategies I propose the following 5-point plan: Encouraging Regulations for Affordable Housing: I will work towards creating regulations that encourage progress and make it cost-effective to own a house in Leavenworth. Promoting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Condos: ADUs and condos are excellent tools to increase housing

options in our community. I believe that there needs to be a clearer understanding and perception of these housing options. ADUs, for example, can provide affordable housing opportunities for residents while also maintaining the character of existing neighborhoods. Dispelling Myths About Increased Density: It’s essential to clarify that increased density does not necessarily lead to increased conflict or decreased quality of life. I can personally attest to this as I live in a condo myself. Many residents in Leavenworth may have misconceptions about the impact of density, and it’s important to address these concerns with data and information. Supporting Workforce Housing: Workforce housing is crucial for the sustainability of our community. This housing ensures that essential service providers like barbers, dentists, doctors, retail workers, and servers can afford to live in the area where they work. This, in turn, reduces turnover for businesses and leads to better service for both our residents and visitors. Engaging the Community: I will actively engage with the community to gather input and feedback on affordable housing strategies. It’s essential to involve residents, local businesses, and experts in the development of policies that will impact our community. My approach to addressing affordable housing in Leavenworth is multifaceted, focusing on regulatory improvements, promoting various housing options, dispelling myths, supporting workforce housing, and engaging the community. By implementing these strategies, we can ensure that Leavenworth remains an inclusive and accessible place to live for all its residents.

Polly McIntyre: Here in Leavenworth we are in a particular housing crux. We have a special living environment - it offers beauty, recreational opportunities and a small town rural feel where we still know our neighbors and see them at the Post Office. Everyone would love to live here. Yet we also have businesses who need places for their employees to live. Our Mayor is committed to bringing in housing that supports diversity as well as provides for our workforce. This is admirable. Yet on the realistic side I think we need to step back and evaluate the long term. All of Leavenworth should weigh in on this difficult issue. Let’s sustain the rural feel of our town as we plan what growth looks like.

Shane Thayer: I don’t believe there is a magic bullet to solve the housing problem, however I openly support programs such as Multifamily Housing Tax Exemptions which could increase affordable housing but can also incentivize market-rate housing. I have also studied the Housing Action Plan to fully grasp the needs and recommendations of Leavenworth. As a potential member of the City Council, it will be my duty to act and move the best ideas forward.

Rhona Baron: I have written extensively on this topic in The Whistle column, published in The Echo until I had to withdraw during the campaign season. Detailed coverage can be found at LWhistle.com. But in short, while I have always favored and supported workforce and more affordable housing, the complexities of creating it in Leavenworth, due to our unique circumstances, make success very elusive. Efforts by the city thus far offer cookie cutter solutions developed in American’s big cities. By imprinting our neighborhoods with truly urban ideas, we are destroying the small town feel we love. And guess what. It’s not working here. The numbers indicate it won’t so let’s stop pretending we are a cookie cutter town and come up with more collaborative, original solutions. In the final or “#3 Affordable Housing Whistle,” we open up other tools at the community’s disposal. Let’s rally around some real fixes.

Marco Aurilio: Affordable housing is a complex issue that has solutions in government subsidy as Mayor Florea has adamantly pursued, and I support, but also in improved policy such as Inclusionary Policy which I have proposed with other city council support. Affordable housing will also be achieved through Private/Public Partnerships, that I am

pursuing, for more apartments, condominiums and small homes, in strategically zoned city limits and in the UGA.

As a city council member, how would you work collaboratively with other council members and city officials to achieve your goals and prioritize the needs of the community?

Anne Heesburg: Just as with residents, I will do my best to encourage open, honest and respectful discussion, collaborative leadership, and strong and transparent communication with council members and city officials so that we can continue strong work together to achieve our goals and the needs of the community.

Tibor Lak: City Council members need to maintain an open relationship with City Staff and directors of other departments. This can be achieved by keeping our ears and eyes open. We need to reach out to the directors for information about the needs of the community. Open dialogue is crucial.

Travis McMaster: As a city council member, my primary objective is to effectively represent the interests and needs of our community while working collaboratively with other council members and city officials to achieve our shared goals. While I firmly believe that it is NOT the role of the city council to micromanage or interfere with day-to-day city operations, I am committed to utilizing my professional experiences and expertise to contribute positively to the betterment of our city rather than being a roadblock. I will actively listen to the concerns and ideas of fellow council members, city officials, and, most importantly, our constituents. Open and respectful communication is essential to building a strong working relationship. I understand that different council members may have varying perspectives and priorities. I will work diligently to find common ground and build consensus on important issues that benefit our community. I recognize the importance of respecting the roles and responsibilities of city officials and staff who are responsible for executing day-to-day operations. My focus will be on setting policy directions and providing oversight rather than micromanaging. I will rely on data and evidence-based information to inform my decisions. This approach ensures that our policies and initiatives are grounded in facts and have a higher likelihood of success. I will champion transparency in government processes, ensuring that decisions are made in the open, and that our community understands how and why they are being made. I will also hold myself accountable for the promises and commitments I make to our constituents. I will actively engage with our community to understand their needs and concerns. Their input is invaluable in shaping our decisions and ensuring that our policies are truly reflective of the people we serve. I will continually seek to educate myself on issues relevant to our city and participate in training programs to enhance my knowledge and skills as a council member. My goal is to be a proactive, informed, and supportive council member who contributes positively to the betterment of our city and the well-being of our residents.

Polly McIntyre: I’ve worked 40 years in an industry that depends on and thrives with collaboration. I’ve seen the benefits of listening and discussing—working together for the best possible outcomes. I am a voice in the community and will be a voice for the community.

Shane Thayer: Collaboration in its highest form happens when everyone works towards a common goal, and this starts with leading by example. Exceptional communication skills, having an open mind, being honest about my beliefs or position on community issues, and considering everyone’s opinions is how I plan to work closely and collaboratively with fellow council members and city officials.

Rhona Baron: I have a long history of working in partnership or working as a part of collaborative teams to create successful, popular programs and solutions. Honestly, I don’t work well in a

vacuum, so I have little desire to impose my ego on others. What I am passionate about is good ideas and making sure they are in the mix. I am always open to those! Council meets in chambers. I would like to explore ways we can meet elsewhere, even in smaller groups based on community interest. I support the healthy practices for communication developed by Nash Consulting for the city. Lastly, I’d like to clear up the difference between “hearing” such as “I hear your words, but don’t agree,” and active listening which requires connection, response and respect.

Marco Aurilio: In the last two years on council, I have learned to listen better, and understand diverse viewpoints. However, the priority remains Kids and Community, data-driven decisions. I have found it effective to meet with other city council/ board members outside of meeting and go mountain biking or float the river or just go for a walk to better understand their vision, and establish common ground and mutual agreement!

Zeke Reister: As a City Council member we are seven individuals with some very diverse opinions. Working collaboratively to me, means being a good listener and hearing my fellow Councilmembers out and valuing their perspective whether I agree or not. It also means coming up with issues, ideas, and promoting strategies before the City Council that strengthen and preserve our Leavenworth community and working with Council members to make them happen.

Leavenworth faces seasonal challenges, such as heavy snowfall in the winter. How do you plan to address and mitigate the impacts of these challenges on residents and businesses?

Tibor Lak: One of our city’s most common problems is dealing with the amount of snow that we usually get each year. It’s not a new problem but one we try to alleviate by maintaining our snow removal equipment and buy new when needed. We have already ordered new snow plows and machinery. Hopefully most of it will arrive by the end of the year, but we have all heard the dreaded “supply chain issues” . Just it is a top priority to keep our roads a sidewalks clear.

Travis McMaster: Addressing the seasonal challenges posed by heavy snowfall in Leavenworth is a critical concern for both residents and businesses. I fully understand the importance of effective snow removal, and I’m pleased to hear about the city’s investments in new equipment and improved removal plans for 2023. Here are my key strategies for addressing and mitigating the impacts of heavy snowfall: Efficient Snow Removal: Building on the city’s investment in new equipment, I will work closely with the relevant departments to ensure that snow removal operations are efficient and responsive. Timely and thorough snow removal is essential to keep roads, sidewalks, and public spaces safe and accessible. Communication: I believe in transparent and proactive communication with the community. We need to keep residents and businesses informed about snow removal plans, schedules, and any changes due to weather conditions. This will allow people to plan accordingly and reduce disruptions. Prioritizing Key Routes: We should prioritize the clearing of major transportation routes, emergency access roads, and areas near schools and healthcare facilities. Ensuring these critical areas are clear will help maintain essential services during heavy snowfall. Review and Adaptation: Regularly reviewing our snow removal strategies and learning from each winter season’s experiences will be vital. We must be willing to adapt and improve our methods as needed to ensure the best possible service to our community. My plan is to prioritize efficient and effective snow removal in Leavenworth, ensuring that residents and businesses can navigate our city safely during the winter months. I am committed to working collaboratively, keeping our community informed, and exploring innovative solutions to address these seasonal challenges. Together, we

can minimize the impacts of heavy snowfall on our city and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Polly McIntyre: We all have chosen to live in a beautiful 4-season mountain environment. Snow is a part of those 4-seasons we love. But it is not without its difficulties. I have talked with road maintenance workers. They are well aware of the issues that arise when we get BIG dumps. Safety being their chief concern, they are frequently working round the clock clearing roads to provide this. They also realize their limitations. We have recently purchased more equipment and our dedicated Public Works dept is working to improve this issue. So many of us have woken up to a snow berm in our drives. The crew knows this, and when they get the chance, they try to get back and clear the berms. But more often we do have to dig out. If you have time, please help your neighbors. This kind of care increases our sense of community. We will never have all the resources in place for every possible instance. When something comes up, let’s work together.

Shane Thayer: Having lived in Leavenworth for almost 40 years, I am very familiar with our seasonal challenges. I am eager to work with the city to find better ways to remove snow during the winter months, more specifically eliminating the berms that block driveways created by snowplows. Fire danger is also a huge challenge Leavenworth faces during the summer months. I personally witnessed the devastating Rat Creek Fire in 1994 and the Tumwater Canyon Fire in 2014. It’s necessary for our community leaders to educate residents on how to prepare homes for potential fire danger and take precautions to prevent the spread of wildfires by implementing more prescribed burning and utilizing Firewise programs.

Rhona Baron: The city has made a good start in the past year by purchasing new equipment to help with snow removal, particularly in the worst years like 2022/23. We need to be thoughtful about how we build in the future, especially in residential neighborhoods. We must mitigate worsening our already snowbound roads. Through good planning, we can have a positive impact on winter roadways and travel.

Marco Aurilio: I understand snow removal intimately, as a snow removal contractor, and am working with council and Public works to improve our fleet and level of service, which has improved dramatically over the last year, with better plow trucks, improved snow blowing capacity and sanders purchased...hopefully delivered in time for our snow season! Also I specifically created and promoted a plan for the City to remove the large snowplow berms from residents’ driveways and I am working to have that approved and implemented for this winter

Zeke Reister: First, as a resident, I believe our Public Works staff does an outstanding job of snow removal for the downtown and the residents-given their initial staffing and their outdated equipment. Second, we have strengthened the Public Works Dept. by hiring Tom Wacholder who is an outstanding Public Works director. Under his direction we have increased the Public Works staff to meet the needs of a city this size with the impact of 2.7million tourists. Leavenworth has never been an easy place to live in the winter but with the new equipment we have authorized and have on order for snow removal, I believe those winter challenges will be met.

Anne Heesburg: Weather event response requires funding and staff time, often outside regularly budgeted services, when it comes to unforeseen events. Planning for potential future events, being fiscally responsible with the funding that is available, and seeking out potential new funding and service opportunities for future events, will help the city address and mitigate challenges that our residents and businesses may face.

Lastly, what is your vision for the future of Leavenworth, and what key initiatives or projects do you hope to accomplish if elected to the

city council?

Travis McMaster: My vision for the future of Leavenworth is one of balanced growth and sustainability, where our city continues to thrive as a vibrant community while preserving its unique character and natural beauty. I’m running for City Council because I’ve seen the impact of unchecked tourism and overdevelopment in other tourist cities, and I want to ensure that Leavenworth remains a welcoming and accessible place for residents and visitors alike.

Key initiatives and projects I hope to accomplish if elected include addressing affordable housing challenges by promoting regulations that encourage affordable housing options, supporting ADUs and condos, and engaging the community in finding solutions. I also plan to focus on sustainable development that respects our natural surroundings, preserving green spaces, and promoting responsible tourism. Additionally, I aim to foster collaboration with fellow council members and city officials to set policy directions and provide oversight while respecting their roles in day-to-day operations. Engaging with residents and involving them in decision-making processes will be a priority, ensuring that their voices are heard and considered in shaping the city’s future. Ultimately, my goal is to create a Leavenworth that balances growth with preservation, remains affordable and accessible to all, and continues to embody a strong sense of community identity while embracing sustainability and economic growth.

Polly McIntyre: My vision for Leavenworth is a healthy and united community as evidenced by regular active involvement. This would include both sides of the highway, the residences and the businesses coming together and discussing city issues. Tackling problems together - in these discussions all voices are listened to, not just heard. In my two-year term, community re-engagement is my desired focus. My vision is — I will host regular community forums that will educate and then discuss options and opportunities with the purpose of moving forward united in vision. Our residents are aware of our town’s issues. Moving forward, adding residents voices along side business will bring the best outcomes for the future of Leavenworth.

Shane Thayer: My vision for Leavenworth is what I believe many of our families and businesses want. We all want to maintain responsible growth but know this means providing more workforce housing, improved road conditions, ample parking for residents and visitors, adequate snow removal, community facilities like aquatic/recreation center, and improved public works. My time growing up here, working here, building relationships with fellow neighbors and my passion for our town is what drives me. I have witnessed first-hand many changes Leavenworth has gone through and would be greatly honored to help shape a positive future for our town. I believe my deep roots in the community and connection to our younger voters, combined with my professional and civic experience make me a unique candidate. As Leavenworth progresses into the future, I can bring a distinct perspective to tackle the modern challenges ahead.

Rhona Baron: For details on key initiatives and specific goals, please visit Rhona4Council.com. My key projects are parking, infrastructure and improved connection with our natural environment. Achieving these goals will take far better listening skills and communication from and with city hall. In summary, I envision a Leavenworth where neighbors stay connected to each other in a personal, small town kind of way. I envision a place where our citizens and neighborhoods do not pay a prohibitive price for the success of tourism. I envision a Leavenworth that inspires both our visitors and our residents to enjoy a balanced, healthy and enriched life. I envision a Leavenworth that tears down silos and builds bridges between our citizens. I appreciate your trust and your



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Help Wanted



Public Works - Truck Driver/Laborer – Temporary Winter Help
The Chelan County Public Works Department is seeking applicants for our three, four-month long winter Temporary Truck Driver/Laborer positions in the Leavenworth & Wenatchee Districts. The duties include performing manual labor, driving truck and/or operating light and heavy equipment, and snow plowing. The salary range is \$22.48 per hour up to \$24.66 per hour based on experience. These four-month positions will start mid to late November. These positions require a Washington State Driver's License, Class A CDL with Tanker Endorsements and prefer to have a current First Aid/CPR card and flagging card. Applications and a detailed job description can be found on the Chelan County Human Resource Career Opportunities page; <http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/human-resource/s/jobs>
The application, resume and letter of intent must be returned to the Chelan County Human Resource Department 400 Douglas Street #201, Wenatchee, WA 98801 or email to human.resources@co.chelan.wa.us no later than Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Chelan's Public Works Department is accepting applications for the position of Water Filtration Plant Operator
Alt - Schedule. The monthly income range for this position is between \$5,415 and \$6,581. Benefits include PERS retirement, medical, dental, and vision insurance, paid vacation, holidays, and sick leave. Application materials are located on the City's website: <https://cityofchelan.us/Job>. First review of applications will be Monday October 30, 2023. Position is Open Until Filled. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
On the 10th day of October, 2023, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinance. A summary of the contents provides as follows:
Ordinance 1681: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, amending certain revenue and expenditure appropriations in the 2023-2024 budget and Ordinance #1664 for the City of Leavenworth.
A full copy of the ordinance is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to
Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on October 18, 2023. #6537

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In the Matter of the Estate of LEROY EDWARD HOUSE JR., Deceased.
No. 23-4-00355-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative's Resident Agent who is also the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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Personal Representative: LEROY E. HOUSE SR.
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Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause Number: 23-4-00355-04
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Attorney for the Personal Representative. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on October 18, 25, November 1, 2023. #6518

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of TERRY DONALD LUMSDEN, Deceased. No. 23-4-00351-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. **DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:** October 11, 2023
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Attorneys for the Personal Representative: Thomas D. Overcast, WSBA# 14486
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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

FALL CAST & BLAST DESTINATIONS

By JOHN KRUSE
Washington Outdoor Report

Looking to do some hunting and fishing this Fall? Maybe do both activities on the same day? Here are a few cast and blast suggestions for you!

CONCUNULLY DEER AND TROUT: Hunt for white-tail or mule deer in the morning on Forest Service land, fish for trout, bass and kokanee in the afternoon and enjoy dinner and a beer in the Sit 'n Bull Bar and Grill or the Red Rock Saloon in the small town of Conconully where the deer in town outnumber the residents. Conconully Reservoir (north of town) and Conconully Lake (south of town) both offer great fishing for all three species but the do close October 31.

LAKE LENORE LAHONTANS AND CHUKAR: Lake Lenore in northern Grant County offers great fishing for Lahontan cutthroat trout averaging two to three pounds in size in the spring and the fall. The latter season sees very little

fishing pressure but the trout will readily hit cast or trolled spoons at this time of year. This a selective regulation water body, meaning you can only use artificial lures with single, barbless hooks and only electric motors are allowed on boats. While fishing here you'll hear chukkar chattering in the hills surrounding the lake valley. Consider a morning hike for chukkar followed by an afternoon of trolling for trout! Lake Lenore is open until November 30.

CURLEW LAKE TURKEY AND MUSKY: There are a lot of deer and turkey roaming around Ferry County and you can certainly target those in the morning and then hit Curlew Lake in the afternoon for trout or for some of the big tiger musky swimming in these



COURTESY JOHN KRUSE
Rusty Johnston with a Potholes Reservoir walleye

waters. **POTHOLES RESERVOIR DUCKS AND WALLEYE:** Guide Shelby Ross (Ross Outdoor Adventures) offers cast and blast trips during the month of October and for good reason, the hunting and fishing is very good! Spend a morning in a blind in the sand dunes area that encompasses the northern

part of the reservoir for a mixed bag of ducks to include teal, wigeon, gadwall and mallard. Several hundred snow geese arrived in the area last week and if it's a goose day you'll have a chance to bag either a Canada or snow goose. After a morning of hunting hop in the boat and troll the main lake near the face of the dunes for walleye which are definitely on the bite right now.

KLICKITAT COUNTY TURKEY AND STEELHEAD: The Klickitat River is a great destination for Fall Chinook and coho salmon as well as summer steelhead during the autumn months. Klickitat County is also a very good, but comparatively under-rated destination for wild turkey though most of these birds are found on private land. If you can get permission to get on this land though, you've got an epic day of fishing and hunting waiting for you.

SNAKE RIVER STEELIES AND CHUKAR: Hunt the breaks bordering the Snake River for chukkar, get a great work out, and then fish the Snake River near Heller Bar or the lower Grande Ronde this fall for summer steelhead. If you have a boat you can side-drift salmon eggs for success. From the bank try fishing flies or casting spinners.

These are just a few ideas for cast and blast fun this Fall. Go for a road trip with a rifle or shotgun and a fishing rod and enjoy the season!

John Kruse –
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Safely dispose of your expired, unused medications

Q: How should I get rid of my old and expired medicines? I don't want to just flush them down the toilet into the water supply.

There are alternatives now available.

According to a report by Take Back Your Meds, a group of over 270 health organizations, law enforcement, local governments, and environmental groups, nearly one-third of medicines sold to Washington State households go unused yearly. That's about 33 million containers of pills, just in Washington State.

Keeping unused prescription drugs around your house invites theft, encourages diversion of addictive medications, and poses risks to small children and pets. Removing unused pain pills helps keep habit-forming drugs from entering the lives of your children, grandchildren, and their friends.

Home intruders will seek out bottles of pain medicines on countertops or stored in medicine cabinets, not just flat-screen televisions and laptops. Safe disposal helps avoid contributing to the problem of prescription drug abuse.

One of the safest ways to dispose of expired, unused, or unwanted medicines is to take them to a site participating in a take-back program. You can take your medications to specific events set up for safe disposal or to a drug collection box in a community location.

Starting in September 2010, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) began



hosting national prescription drug take-back events in partnership with local law enforcement agencies nationwide. Their goal was to give the public an alternative for disposing of medicines other than putting them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet.

The last Saturday of April and October are National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, where at participating sites, you can bring your medicines for safe, free disposal, no questions asked. Many communities host local take-back events during other times of the year.

On March 22, 2018, Washington State Governor Inslee signed into law the Secure Drug Take-Back Act, the nation's first statewide comprehensive plan for safe and secure medicine disposal by individuals.

The Secure Drug Take-Back Act established a comprehensive statewide system for year-round access to convenient drop-off sites across the state, including community pharmacies and police agencies volunteering to host a secure drug drop-off box.

Washington State's Take-Back Act started as a pilot program in King and Snohomish counties called MED-project (Medication Education & Disposal) that placed drug-collection boxes in community centers and public libraries in addition to pharmacy and law enforce-

ment locations. With the Secure Drug Take-Back Act, lawmakers have expanded the project into a statewide system entirely funded by the prescription drug industry.

Unable to get to a take-back site near you? The FDA recommends you remove any potent pain medicines from their original containers and flush them down a sink or toilet. This includes pain pills containing drugs like Vicodin® or hydrocodone, oxycodone, and patches containing fentanyl or Duragesic®.

Although it seems harmful to the environment to flush narcotics, it's more dangerous to leave them in a trash container, as even part of a pill or a used patch of one of these powerful pain relievers can be lethal to a pet or small child.

Other prescription medicines can be safely disposed of by first removing them from their bottles or boxes and mixing the pills or capsules with something unappealing like kitty litter, coffee grounds, sawdust, or even dirt, then placing them in a leak-proof container like a sturdy zip-lock bag before adding them to your trash bin.

How to Safely Dispose of Leftover, Unwanted or Expired Medicines:

1. Take unwanted medications to a Take-Back location or event.

The 25th Annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 28, 2023. Participating locations for this event are listed at www.dea.gov/takebackday.

For information on local drop-off locations or to order mail-back supplies, call Washington State's safe drug disposal program at (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322 or check online at www.medtakebackwashington.org.

2. Flush potent pain medicines.

If you can't get to a take-back location or event, sort out and remove any potent pain medicines such as hydrocodone (Vicodin®), oxycodone (Percocet®), Oxycotin®, or fentanyl patches. Flush them down a toilet or sink.

3. Disguise pills before adding them to your trash.

Mix your non-narcotic prescription pills, vitamins, and supplements with kitty litter, coffee grounds, and even dirt to disguise them before placing them into your trash. Use a plastic container with a secure lid or a heavy plastic zip-lock bag to prevent leakage.

4. Protect your privacy.

Remove or mark out any personal information and drug names before putting any prescription bottles or boxes into your trash or drug collection box.

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. ©2023 Louise Achey

Public Notices

CHELAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #1 NOTICE OF BOARD COMMISSIONERS MEETING / BUDGET HEARING CASCADE MEDICAL CENTER

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Cascade Medical Center has set a public hearing for Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 5:30 PM for the hospital's budget hearing for the 2024 budget. The hearing will be held in the Arleen Blackburn Conference Room at Cascade Medical Center, 817 Commercial Street, Leavenworth. Connection information will also be available on Cascade Medical's website at cascademedical.org for community members who wish to join virtually. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on October 11, and 18, 2023. #65490

Public Notices

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leavenworth City Council will hold two public hearings on October 24, 2023 and continuing to November 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, Washington and via Zoom (https://cityofleavenworth.com/you-r-city-hall/calendar/) to take public testimony on Amendments to City of Leavenworth Code 18.56.120 Conditional use Permit - Bed and Breakfast regulations; and, consider the adoption of a new municipal code chapter 3.41 Multi-Family Tax Exemption Program. The City determined that these amendments are exempt from State Environmental review pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19). Interested citizens are encouraged to comment and/or attend the public hearing. Questions may be directed to Community Development Director, Lilith Vespier at City Hall, phone 509-548-5275 or email lvespier@cityofleavenworth.com. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on October 18, 2023. #6547

Public Notices

Falsework Architecture, Gabe Hogness, PO Box 281 Indianola, WA 98342, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, 122 Zelt Strasse, is located at 122 Zelt Strasse in Leavenworth in Chelan county. This project involves 1.61 acres of soil disturbance for Commercial construction activities. The receiving waterbody is Wenatchee River.

Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to: ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov, or ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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THEME: TV HOSTS

1. Big splash, in the audience
6. Diminish
9. Miss America's accessory
13. Wear away
15. Nile's mouth, e.g.
16. Enter password (2 words)
17. Poetic "even"
18. Misbehave (2 words)
19. "Carpool Karaoke" James
21. "The Tonight Show" longest-serving host
23. Negative conjunction
24. One of Five Ws
25. Communications regulator, acr.
28. Australian palm
30. Branch of traditional medicine, adj.
35. Monet's water flower
37. Succotash ingredient
39. Indian side dish
40. Like dental exam
41. Administer
43. Frequenter
44. Town news announcer
46. Do like eagle
47. Recipe command
48. "Not Fallon"
50. Like a "Vogue" ad
52. "Is it ___ wonder?"
53. Onion's kin
55. Am is to I as ___ is to we
57. "Certain Barbarian's namesake
60. "Last Week Tonight with John ___"
63. Indifferent to emotions
64. Tokyo, in the olden days
66. Type of car
68. Not upright
69. Floor cleaner
70. Not mainstream
71. Gallup's inquiry
72. Word for a nod
73. Particular manner

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1. Electric swimmer
2. Gator's kin
3. NBC's peacock, e.g.
4. Deck out
5. Muscle to bone connector
6. Balanced
7. "Full Frontal" Samantha
8. "Judge Wapner and Judge Judy "hosted" from it
9. 1/60th of min, pl.
10. Palo __, CA
11. Like nonlethal gun
12. Accident
15. Squirrel or hummingbird, moving-wise
20. ___ Kane of soap opera fame
22. Pleasurable interjection
24. Male witch
25. Bo-Peep's sheep, e.g.
26. Wispy clouds
27. Request to Geico
29. Politicians, for short
31. Opposite of riches
32. Plants and animals
33. Did not go out for dinner (2 words)
34. "Late "Live" King of CNN
36. Original matter, according to Big Bang Theory
38. "Stewart's successor
42. Judge Judy's event
45. Remnant of the past
49. "Regis and Kathie"
51. Critical situation
54. Hostile force
56. Black tie one
57. Football great Graham
58. Skin infection
59. Tiny river
60. "My bad!"
61. Whirlpool
62. Commuter line
63. Pine juice
65. Bambie's mom
67. Clinton ___ Rodham

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Bailey

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there, Seidling said. "Oh, gosh, Bailey has, it's like she was meant for this," she said. "Bailey has been all in with this job ever since the very beginning and has always loved training, even obedience training. I mean, she's kind of nerdy like that." "She has a lot of the typical characteristics that labs have," she said. "She loves to eat, she loves to fetch, she loves to swim, she loves the snow. But she also has some kind of catlike characteristics like she doesn't seek out physical attention." "She is pretty professional in the workplace," she said. "Like, oftentimes more professional than her human team members. She's been very driven and focused right from the start." This year, Bailey will do a

lot of PR work and help raise awareness for the avalanche rescue dog program, which is a nonprofit organization. "So our dogs at Stevens Pass, their primary purpose is to be available to the skier if we were to ever have somebody buried in an avalanche inbound," Seidling said. Dogs are often the quickest way to locate a buried skier. However, it is important to note that there has not been a single inbound burial in all of Bailey's 11 years of service, which means that their avalanche mitigation work has been effective, Seidling said. Stevens Pass Avy Dogs started in 1993. At the time, there were only about a dozen trained avy dogs in the country. Today, Stevens Pass has a pack of seven dogs in various stages of their careers. Since 1993, they have trained 20 dogs. Ski patrollers commit to the extra duty of training and



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maintaining Avy dogs. Seidling said that Ski Patrollers love having their dogs. "It's just such a fun part of what we're doing up there," she said. "Honestly, it's what's kept me at Stevens Pass for going on my 17th season now." Quinn Propst: 509-731-3590 or quinn@ward.media



HANK LUBEAN/GLADSONG

Sue Torrence, front right on solo, as GladSong sings "Lean on Me," for Wenatchee's Hope Care Clinic at Calvary Crossroads Church on Sept. 24.

GladSong

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for Wenatchee's Hope Care Clinic and Central Washington Safe Families in September. Each event raised about \$22,000 from donations, sponsorships, silent auctions. Safe Families also from ticket sales. "I would say about 40% was from sponsorships for the event, like Cascade Auto Center, and 60% from our generous donor base," said Ginny Kerstetter, executive director of Hope Care Clinic.

Proceeds go into the clinic's \$70,000 annual budget to provide medical, dental and behavioral health care for uninsured and the underinsured, she said. About 120 people attended the 80-minute concert at Calvary Crossroads Church on Sept. 24. "GladSong is awesome. The audience really loved it," Kerstetter said. The eight-month-old Safe Families is the local affiliate of a national organization providing alternatives to foster care.

"This was our launch celebraton dinner to raise money for expenses and get more people involved as volunteers," said Sherry Mott, director. The Sept. 9 event at Sage Hills Church drew 125 attendees at \$40 per plate for \$5,000, raised another \$10,000 in donations and \$5,000 from a silent auction. Sponsors included Town Toyota Center and Goodfellow Bros. Among other concerts this year, GladSong helped raise \$6,000 for Ohme Gardens on

July 9 in the gardens, and more than \$2,000 for a Leavenworth association providing weekend food for school children in need.

Candidates

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vote. Let's work together to succeed! Marco Aurilio: Our future is bright, and the key items I will support are indicated in the PRSA Recreational Need Survey, and other needs that the community has clearly stated: Year-round aquatics center with public transportation to provide equity and access for the entire PRSA Area!! Improved paths, walkways and biking access. More sports facilities such as an Ice Skating Rink with summer court/turf access, and lighting for our current tennis/pickleball courts. Green space preservation. Heritage Tree and home program. Downtown walking plaza on Front St, with art and downtown Farmer's Market. Affordable workforce housing. River access, safety, preservation. Improved roads and bike lanes. Wildfire preparedness and improved structure ember resistance. Improved Community Communication, surveys and meetings. Parking Garages and effective electric shuttle service between Parking Garages, lots, and Downtown. Zeke Reister: My vision for the future of Leavenworth is that it remains a real community where families and individuals of diverse incomes continue to live and thrive-not a hamlet of second homes and vacation rentals. Preserving our community is securing housing which stabilizes our downtown workforce and affordable housing for our hospital staff and nurses, our teachers, our firefighters and a host of other middle class incomes. I hope before my term is out that our Community Center for Osborn is complete or well underway, real progress has been made in building a year

around pool if that is the will of the community, we have addressed and mitigated the impact of overuse on the Icicle and Wenatchee Rivers, and that our infrastructure of streets and water distribution have shown measurable progress. Anne Heesburg: Leavenworth is an incredible town and community, and I feel so lucky to be an active member within it. I look forward to continuing to work on opportunities and issues that our community is facing, including housing, development standards, essential services improvements, parking, infrastructure improvements, business opportunities, our community

pool, Osborn redevelopment, and capital projects. Tibor Lak: If I'm re-elected for my seat on city council I want to focus on finding ways for people to earn money and employ people by letting individuals run home based businesses in their residents. By allowing people to earn extra money out of their homes the have more ways for them to put food on their tables while they are at home with small children. Daycare is another high cost on young families. In future I would love to see a harmonists blend of residents and tourists. And cultivate a strong and healthy vibrant community. Also I'm still hoping for World peace!

Leavenworth Public Library to celebrate National Friends Of Libraries Week

By AMY MASSET

Press Release Leavenworth Public Library

LEAVENWORTH - Leavenworth Public Library, along with all library branches within the NCW Libraries district, is celebrating National Friends of Libraries Week to honor the contributions and support from the many Friends of the Library groups across North Central Washington. In Leavenworth, the nonprofit Friends of the Library is an incredible group of volunteers who are committed to promoting literacy in their community, raising funds to provide extra support to their community libraries, helping at events, and supporting and informing the future of the library.

The Friends just completed another successful Annual Book Sale. Thanks goes out to the community for supporting the book sale, donating books and shopping at the sale. Thank you to all the community partners who help with the book sale including the Leavenworth Lions Club, Cascade High School AVID students, the Cascade High School Football Team, the City of Leavenworth, and especially the many volunteers who work at the sale. The Friends promote literacy with an annual "Third Grade Book Project" in which every 3rd grader gets a free book during a field trip to the library and A Book For All Seasons. Additionally, Peshastin Dryden Elementary students get to select a free book and learn about the public libraries. The Friends provide enticing prizes for the Summer Library Program, and so much more. The Friends welcome new members to their monthly meetings, to volunteer with them for Friends library events and get involved in promoting literacy! See library staff for more information.

Their mission is to promote, support and enhance the resources of the public library and to enrich the educational and cultural life of the community. They do this by encouraging appreciation and use of the Leavenworth Public Library, building a greater awareness of the library facilities and expanding the role of the library.

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