



Kindness Counts North Central Washington



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY GENE SHARRATT

Dave Tosch and Mariachi Noroeste with their Kindness banner at the Wenatchee Senior Center for Cinco de Mayo.

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WENATCHEE— Charles Dickens published his classic A Christmas Carol in December 1943. The masterpiece's opening stave shows Fred exhorting his Uncle Scrooge to view Christmas as the only time in the long calendar of the year "when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they were really fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."

Last Christmas, Gene Sharratt

found himself pondering his fellow passengers. The educator grew frustrated with the increasing social tension fissuring the nation. He observed that some New Year's resolutions soar for twelve months while most remain grounded after two weeks. An idea surfaced of a communal resolution: kindness.

These ruminations inspired Kindness Counts North Central Washington, a one-year campaign designed to inspire, recognize and contribute to acts of kindness. The organization is not a 501(c)(3) and does not accept donations. "We're just a group of people who want to make our community a better

place to live," Sharratt said. "We have a lot more of common than we have differences, regardless of our political affiliation, our religious affiliation, or any other demographic. So why don't we try to raise a voice around commonalities and build bridges in community, state and nation rather than build barriers?"

Before fully fueling this notion, Sharratt desired to define his terms. What is kindness? The campaign described it as "the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate."

His initial research found that February 17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Using that date as a launching point, he

gathered a kindness brain trust to gauge the idea's merits which included Margie Kerr, local Make a Difference Day founder, Dave Herald, owner-partner of Sunny FM, Linda Haglund, Executive Director at Wenatchee Downtown Association, Rufus Woods, publisher emeritus of the Wenatchee World and Laurel Helton. The friends met twice monthly to refine goals. Sharratt contacted the mayors of Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Chelan, Cashmere and Moses Lake. They all responded with official city proclamations.

"It's easy to get caught up in

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Leavenworth City Council and community meet

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In a July 25 meeting, the Leavenworth City Council tabled the motion to sign a letter of intent to investigate a proposed land swap with Willkommen LLC owner Thomas Lin. Over 100 people attended the meeting in person and via Zoom. The conversation revolved around the City's desire for a year-round swimming pool, a top priority resulting from a recent recreational survey taken by local residents. Upper Valley Parks and Recreation Service Area (PRSA) looked into the pool's price and estimated a cost of \$18-25 million.

After citing the preceding chatter and controversy on social media, Florea reset the issue. The mayor explained that at a recent Council retreat, the group discussed the potential expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant which neighbors the Public Works Department. This necessitated more land for Public Works. The Council approached Lin about buying his car wash property at 1451 US Highway 2 that the City could incorporate into the Public Works campus. Lin proposed a swap of his land for a portion of the City's pool property at 694 US Highway 2. The proposition included an agreement that Lin would redevelop the pool giving the Leavenworth and PRSA the chance to lease.

Florea admitted that the offer appeared too good to be true, but merited investigation. He emphasized that the meeting's objective was to decide whether the City should pursue the proposal.

"If that could be true, wouldn't you want your city to get more details and to find out if that is a serious proposal, if we could get a win-win?" Florea asked. "The only way this would ever happen was if it guaranteed us an ongoing pool. This is not about giving a developer something that he can flip and turn and make something else out of. This is about getting our community a pool in a win-win kind of situation. My wife of 49 years would divorce me if I took her pool away." Lin, who joined the meeting via Zoom, elaborated on the cost of the proposal to the community. Depending on the cost of the pool, he estimated residents could pay \$15-\$25 per month over a 20-year period. "Please be civilized when you criticize Carl and the City Council because you voted them in. They're your neighbors. They're your friends. They represent you," Lin said. "All I ask of you is keep an open mind. I don't have to do it. We all can do it. It's not that expensive if we divide it up...There's no underhanded agenda, there's no pool swap, there's nothing. It's just an idea right now."

Councilmen Marco Aurilio and Tibor Lak moved and seconded a motion to approve and authorize Florea to sign a letter of intent for the property exchange between the City and Willkommen LLC. The mayor then asked for Council comments. Councilwoman Sharon Waters, admittedly emotional, read a statement.

"Being here for so many years, I feel like I have to guard the area," Waters said. "I don't want it turned into anything else. That's where we go. That's where we have our family reunions, we have picnics, we sit and watch swim meets. All that stuff as far as I can see would be gone." Waters brought up a concern that became a theme of the meeting. What exactly does a letter of intent mean and why does the City need one to explore this matter? Councilman Clint Strand explained that a letter of intent holds two different meanings

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Osprey, geese keep Chelan PUD biologists, crews on their toes



SUBMITTED PHOTO. An osprey and chick in 2021.

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL HANSEN

WENATCHEE— Osprey chicks are just beginning to peek above the protection of their high-perched nests. In August new-feathered fledglings will attempt their first flights, many from platforms built by Chelan PUD.

Osprey are migratory raptors that prefer to nest on the tallest snags or structures, as close as possible to the shoreline where they fish. Power poles tend to be attractive for osprey nesting, which is not always a safe option for the

birds and increases the risk of fire and power outages.

Osprey are not threatened or endangered, but they're protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prohibits anyone from moving an active nest. When a nest is started in an unsafe location, Chelan PUD builds standalone platforms up to 65 feet tall that provide osprey with a safer option nearby during the onset of nesting season.

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County unemployment numbers released

SUBMITTED BY WA STATE ESD

One-month employment change by industry

OLYMPIA - The BLS estimates Washington's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2023 is 3.8 percent. The revised estimated May 2023 unemployment rate is 4.1 percent. According to BLS estimates, the number of unemployed people fell by 10,500 in June 2023 compared to May 2023. At the same time, the number of employed people rose by an estimated 13,400. Overall, this amounted to an increase of 2,900 people in the labor force. The preliminary June 2023 unemployment rate is 0.1 percentage points lower than the June 2022 rate of 3.9 percent. June 2023 preliminary unemployment rates: U.S. (preliminary) 3.6%, Washington (preliminary) 3.8%, Chelan County (preliminary) 2.8%, Douglas County 3.1%, Okanogan County 3.5%.

Based on BLS estimates, Washington state nonfarm employment increased by 11,900 jobs from May 2023 to June 2023.

Based on a BLS survey of businesses and governments, Washington gained an estimated 11,900 jobs during the month, on a seasonally adjusted basis.

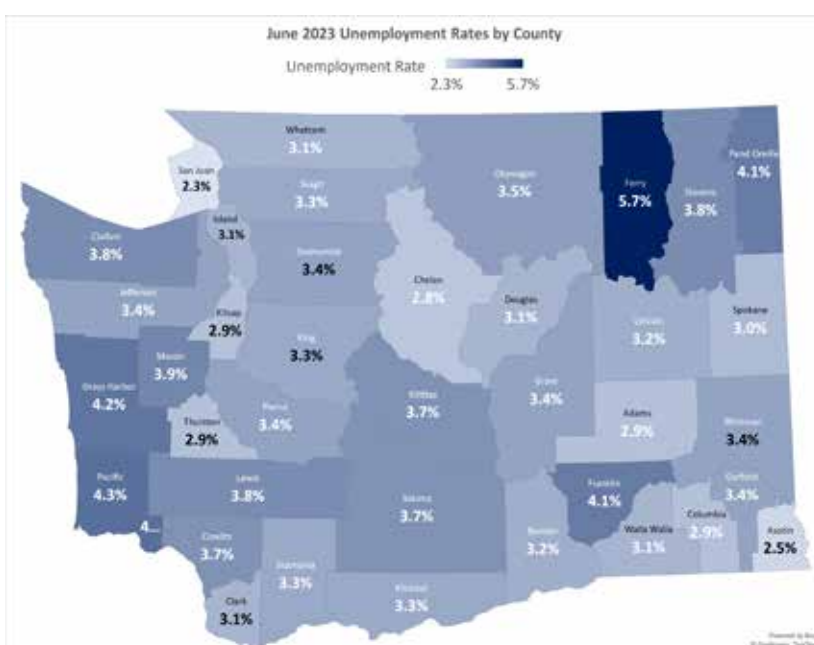
Overall, employment increased in seven major industries and decreased in six in June.

- Private sector employment is estimated to have increased by 8,800 and government employment increased by 3,100.
- Leisure and hospitality employment increased by 8,900 overall, with 5,200 jobs added in food services and drinking places.
- The number of jobs in education and health services increased by 4,600 overall, with 3,100 jobs gained in social assistance.
- Professional and business services employment increased by 500 overall, with 800 jobs gained in professional, scientific,

and technical services.

- Manufacturing employment fell by 2,500, led by 1,700 jobs lost in food manufacturing.

- Retail trade employment decreased by 2,800 overall, with 900 jobs lost by food and beverage stores.



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Cascade Medical posts positive margin, successful audit

SUBMITTED BY CLINT STRAND
Director of PR

Hospitals across the state of Washington did not have it easy in 2022. According to data from the Washington State Hospital Association, hospitals in our state posted collective losses of \$2.7 billion dollars.

Thankfully for the Upper Valley community, Cascade Medical was not one of them.

In 2022, audited financial statements showed Cascade Medical posted a small positive margin of \$165,000 (.06%) and saw a modest increase in cash and cash equivalents.

"A good goal is to achieve a positive margin of around 3% annually, to be able to replace capital and meet market wage demands over the long term, but

in a hard year for healthcare, Cascade Medical fared well," said Chief Financial Officer Marianne Vincent. "This helps us remain well positioned to meet our community's needs into the future."

In addition to finishing out 2022 with a positive margin, Cascade Medical also had a clean audit. "This is a credit to our entire finance team," said Diane Blake, Chief Executive Officer. "Our team has routinely produced clean audits, and to do so in a year which included both a major software conversion and complicated accounting for pandemic funds, is remarkable."

Like other organizations, Cascade Medical relies upon accurate, timely financial statements to help set and

monitor strategy. "The clean audit reinforces my confidence the board and management are working with accurate financial information, which is crucial for decision-making as we navigate into the future," said Bruce Williams, Commissioner and Chair of the Finance Committee for Cascade Medical. "I am proud of the successful audit and financial results for 2022. They are a credit to our entire team." This robust planning, strong cash position and comparatively solid financial returns in 2022 allowed Cascade Medical to plan for a small negative margin this year due to a commitment to retain their workforce. "Our greatest internal investment at Cascade Medical is our



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people," Blake said. "Cascade Medical needs to remain financially competitive as an employer if we want to attract and retain the strong, talented staff that make us who we are. Our ability to offer wage increases to ensure our staff is properly compensated is directly tied to our ability to be both forward-thinking and

fiscally responsible." Continuing their forward-thinking focus, Cascade Medical just welcomed Reese Bradburn, PA-C, and Lauren Lieblich, PA-C, who will offer provider support as hospitalists (caring for inpatients in our acute care departments), as well as providing support for our walk-in care services. In

addition, our Cascade Medical Foundation is in the midst of a capital campaign to raise \$87,000 for equipment and training to implement a Cardiac Rehabilitation program onsite. All examples of how Cascade Medical and their friends are putting money to work for the patients and community they serve.

Upcoming events at Wenatchee River Institute

SUBMITTED BY WRI

Birding by the River: Wednesday, August 9 from 8-9:30 a.m.

Join WRI for Birding by the River happening the second Wednesday of every month. Join us for as many as you can. You'll walk around the WRI campus with knowledgeable WRI staff. All birding experience levels are welcome. Need binoculars? We have loaners.

Red Barn Event, A Diverse Celebration of our Trails: Wednesday,

August 9 from 7-8 p.m. Join WRI and A Book for All Seasons to welcome Illyssa and Dave Kyu, editors of the beloved Campfire Stories books. Inspired by stories of America's national parks and

trails, this event will celebrate the diversity of those who appreciate the natural world. **Beer & Bots, Adult STEM Night:** Thursday, August 17 from 6-8 p.m. Calling all curious adults, unleash your inner scientist with a twist. Join our Adult STEM Program with NCW Libraries in the Red Barn, mingle with other community members, and explore various STEM activities - from coding robots, to exploring the night sky in an immersive planetarium experience. This is a FREE event with beverages available for purchase.



City Council meet

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In the business and municipal worlds. From the City's perspective, the letter simply begins the due diligence process for Leavenworth and allows them to spend money to investigate the land swap. Strand, and other council members, emphasized that the letter contains many "soft ramps" and does not signify a firm commitment. "Either party may cease negotiations at any time for any reason," Strand said. "That's the overarching umbrella. There are no 'Yeah, but.'s." That's the end all be all. If it doesn't look good, if it smells fishy, we're out." After the Council shared their thoughts, several citizens spoke on the matter, most opposed to signing the letter of intent. Leavenworth resident Alex Allen visits the pool with his wife and children

almost daily. Allen feared having the pool owned by a body other than the city.

"Under no circumstance where we sell public property to a private entity will that be our pool." Allen said. "I would rather take scoped-down changes to the pool to make it viable in just the summer than to have a full aquatic center that we can use year-round that is not actually owned by the City."

Hali Fiano is president of Leavenworth Swim Team. She commended Lin's character and encouraged investigating the proposal. "This gentleman has been working really hard to get us a pool," Fiano said. "We've all been working really hard to get a better pool in this city that actually functions and serves everyone. As far as I'm concerned, I would appreciate the letter of intent being signed, so that we could

at least look into it and we could at least comment and find out more information." The meeting lasted nearly three hours. After thorough discussion, Florea and the Council agreed that the matter needed more discussion and consideration. Aurilio and Lak officially rescinded the motion and second. Florea emphasized transparency and expressed gratitude for the public's interest. "I think we've heard. We've had a great interchange. I think if we move forward, we'll get some clarification," Florea said, adding some levity. "Come more often. Do we have to do really controversial stuff to get you here? Because I can come up with some stuff." "I think when the public takes time out of their busy schedules and spends hours with us in the evening, that is multiple steps forward," Councilwoman Anne HESSBURG said.

Advocates recover over \$17 million for insurance consumers in second quarter of 2023

SUBMITTED BY WA STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

OLYMPIA - Have you waited around for your insurance company to handle your claim, only to get an offer you find unreasonable? Our team of highly trained insurance experts recovered more than \$17 million for Washington insurance consumers between April 1 and June 30, 2023. They may be able to help you, too.

"Thousands of consumers contact our office every year with a question or complaint about all types of insurance coverage. Our Consumer Advocacy team can look at your insurance policy, explain your rights, and in many cases, contact your insurance company on your behalf."

"As the insurance regulator, companies and insurance agents are required to respond to us and explain their actions or decisions," said Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler. "Our services are free, impartial, and available to everyone in Washington state. You might not need them today, but we're always here to help when you do."

We understand how insurance policies work and the laws that protect you. We can't help in every situation and our authority has its limits, but from April to June we investigated more than 2,400 complaints and recovered \$17,125,390 for Washington insurance consumers.

Here are some highlights:

- A Centralia resident's health insurance company cancelled their policy for non-payment, despite the premium payments going through, which resulted in rejected health claims. But we found an issue with the company's insurance cards. They corrected the issue, reprocessed those claims, and eventually reprocessed more than 2,000 rejected claims from people who were also impacted, totaling \$967,636.
- We helped a La Center resident who lost their home in a fire get more than \$500,000 just two days after we contacted the company; after the homeowner had been waiting more than five months to get their claim paid.

An auto insurance company left a driver in Camas waiting more than four months to determine their vehicle couldn't be repaired, and then offered a low amount using comparable vehicles from far beyond the local area. After driving rental cars for months while waiting, they contacted us. After we got involved, the company quickly contacted the driver with a higher offer, issued \$1,459 in additional rental coverage, and settled the claim with a payment over \$100,000. We can help you understand your rights, answer your questions, explain how to appeal a decision from your insurer and, sometimes, advocate on your behalf. File a complaint online 24/7, send us a message, chat with us or call our Insurance Consumer Hotline at 800-562-6900.

About the OIC: In most cases, insurance is regulated by states and overseen by Insurance Departments. Each department has a division that specializes in helping consumers understand their rights and investigating their complaints. Washington's Office of the Insurance Commissioner employs 265 people, with 27 staff dedicated to consumer advocacy and education. Find an insurance department for Washington State at NAIC.org.



New heat rules

SUBMITTED BY: WSD L&I

TUMWATER - As hotter, drier weather sets in, farmworkers, construction workers, and other outdoor workers will be better protected from heatstroke and other hot-weather hazards because of updated workplace heat rules that took effect in mid-July.

Washington is one of only a few states with heat protection for outdoor workers, having first put rules in place in 2008. In July, the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) filed a formal update to those rules, expanding existing requirements to keep workers safe. "Excessive heat is a real concern when it comes to worker safety. Heat-related illness can strike quickly, and in some cases, be deadly," said L&I Director Joel Sacks. "Our climate is changing, and these updates to our state heat rules are a major step forward in protecting workers." The last two summers L&I enacted temporary emergency heat rules to supplement

existing worker protections. These new permanent rules took effect July 17, and the requirements will be in place year-round.

New protections involving shade, cool-down rest periods, and monitoring workers The rules lower the temperature at which action is required to 80°F for most outdoor work. Temperature-based action levels apply to specific portions of the rule such as drinking water and shade and include specifics on when and how much shade must be provided. Workers must be allowed to take preventative cool-down periods as needed to prevent overheating. Employers must follow high-heat procedures that require close observation of workers and mandatory cool-down periods of 10 minutes every two hours when the temperature reaches 90°F, and 15 minutes every hour at 100°F. The updated permanent rules also add requirements for acclimatization and exposure to high heat. Under these requirements, which address the need to adapt

to working in the heat over time, employers must closely observe all workers during heat waves and any worker who is newly assigned to working in the heat or returning from an absence of up to 14 days. Under the rules, employers must also update their outdoor heat exposure safety programs, and train workers and supervisors on the plan and the new requirements. L&I is developing model outdoor heat exposure safety programs and training materials to help employers implement these requirements.

"Outdoor workers can suffer serious health effects from the summer heat," said Craig Blackwood, assistant director for L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health. "But, with water, shade, and rest among other protections, employers and workers can prevent the worst effects of heat exposure and reduce traumatic injuries like falls. These updates will require employers to be more proactive. "To learn more about the updated outdoor heat exposure rules and learn ways to protect workers from heat-related illness, visit L&I's Heat Smart web page.

NCW Libraries offer Art Rebellion Program

NCW Libraries will host renowned Chicano artist Jake Prendez at three locations in August. Prendez will talk about social justice art and the influence of Mexican muralism on American artwork.

His Humanities Washington presentation, The Art of Rebellion, Social Justice, and Chicana/Chicano Visual Arts, will be offered at the following locations:

Aug. 14: Wenatchee Valley College (in partnership with Cafe and WVCC), 6 p.m.

Aug. 15: Peshastin Community Hall, 6 p.m.
Aug. 16: Chelan Public Library, 6 p.m.
Register online at www.ncwlibraries.org. Find the online calendar under the Events tab.

Prendez will trace the history of social justice art, from the rise of Mexican muralism to its influence on American artwork from the civil rights era and the modern era. Explore how the means of production and

new technologies made art accessible worldwide and join Prendez as he deconstructs his own artwork to show how it relates to this greater narrative.

Prendez is the owner and co-director of The Nepantla Art Gallery in Seattle. He creates art with a specific focus on themes of Chicano/a culture, activism, social justice, pop culture and satire. His style ranges from indigenous iconography, social realism, and portraiture to colorful pop art.



Jake Prendez

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Downtown Steering Committee, 10 a.m., meet in the Council Chambers and Zoom. (4th Tues.)

Housing Committee, Public Safety Committee, Finance Committee: No meetings, reports are in Council packets. police and fire representatives speak at the beginning of the meeting. (4th Tues.)

City Council Study Session: 5:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers, (2nd Floor) and Zoom. (2nd & 4th Tues.)

City Council Evening Meeting: 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, and Zoom. (2nd & 4th Tues.)

Planning Commission: 7 p.m., Council Chambers and Zoom. (1st Wed.)

PRSA Meetings: 3 p.m., City Hall Conference Room (Upstairs) (2nd Wed.), every other month (May, July, Sept., Nov., Jan., and Mar.)

Design Review Board: 3 p.m., meets in the Council Chambers and on Zoom. (2nd & 4th Wed.)

Parking Advisory Committee: 4 p.m., meet in the City Hall Conference Room and on Zoom. (3rd Thurs.)

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

- Local, Regional Community News & Events
- Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group, person(s).
- Must provide: full name, city, phone number.
- Items pertaining to local events that are free or minimum charge.

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- 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.

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 leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com

Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)
The Wenatchee Valley Doll Club, 11:30 a.m. Call Yvonne, 509-663-7991. (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.)

Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 3-5 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest contact: Matt@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (2nd 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 Kristalls at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 1-206-227-1576, 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://leavenworthmosquitocntrl.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, 509-548-5286. (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.lpid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)

Cascade Medical Board Meeting, 9 a.m. Call Cascade Medical, 509-548-5815. (4th 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.)

Sevier 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.)

NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.

Leavenworth Public Library, Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworthncwlibraries.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: CelebrateRecovery1CN@gmail.com or 509- 596-1510.

- Want to place Your Community News Online? Go to NCWMARKET.COM 24/7
- Garage and Yard Sale Ads are paid events, please email: classifieds@leavenworthecho.com or place online at NCWMARKET.COM
- For info call: Leavenworth: 509-548-5286, email: reporter@leavenworthecho.com
- Cashmere: 509-548-5286, email: Reporter@cashmerevalleyrecord.com

Leavenworth

Join the Leavenworth Village Voices

If you have music in your heart and a song on your lips, the Leavenworth Village Voices (LVV) would like to invite you to join us at the annual Season Opener Picnic on Monday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. in Lions Club Park in Leavenworth. LVV will provide the food and beverages. Come along to have your questions answered about Leavenworth's fantastic community choir. Find more information at www.leavenworthvillagevoices.org or on Facebook.

Summer activities at the libraries

Art Show at the Leavenworth Library for Claudia Elliott from now through Aug 11. Claudia was the art teacher at Cashmere High School for 17 years. She will be showcasing her demonstration art pieces she used when teaching. This will include many different types of media including a piece made from repurposed wood from the Cashmere gym floor.

Paint in the Park with the Leavenworth Library on Wed., Aug. 16. Drop by between 2-4 p.m. to explore various painting techniques including spin art, marbling, gelli printing and more for all ages. Dress for a mess, in Lions Club Park. Free, for all ages.

BEER & BOTS Adult STEM Night on Thurs. Aug. 17 from 6-8 pm at Wenatchee River Institute's Red Barn with NCW Libraries STEM Librarian. Embrace your inner scientist, quench your thirst for knowledge, and toast to new friendships at our ADULT STEM Program. 509-548-7923 or Leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org

Benefit for The Dwelling Place

Raise the Roof Golf Tournament Fundraiser on August 8 at Leavenworth Golf Club
For more information and to register go to raise-the-roof. perfectgolfevent.com
Call American Exterior Solutions with any questions 509-888-ROOF (7863)
Come play golf as an individual or a team. Also accepting donation for auction items.
A home for adults with developmental disabilities to live full joyful lives. To learn more about The Dwelling Place visit website dwellingplaceleavenworth.org.

Village Art in the Park

Nena Howell's new art booth will be up at Village Art in Park for 8 days starting Aug. 30 Aug. 13. Come see her, and all the other talented artists at the park. Nena has several new Leavenworth-themed works to unveil, and just wanted to

Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts

All heart patients and their families in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties to attend the Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts Chapter Meeting on Monday, August 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington Meeting Room at 270 9th St. NE in East Wenatchee. Guest Speaker, Dick Anderson, SHIBA Counselor, will talk about "What You Need to Know About Medicare" to help you meet your heart and health care needs. Those unable to come in-person may attend by Zoom. To attend, call 509-293-1603 or email: atthehelmstems@hotmail.com

Sheriff/Fire/EMS
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The Cost of Cherries

Our oldest, Kat, brought me 10 lb. of cherries. She asked me if I wanted some tart cherries before she went to pick them; I asked how much do they cost; she said the farmer wanted a dollar a pound. I told her I'd give her two dollars a pound and she could pay for ten pounds of her own cherries for the labor of picking mine.

Grandma taught me Grandpa's basic rule of thumb when paying for someone's

cherries were no good. Come to find out the farmer made her a deal to trade his cherries for her chicken eggs. She didn't have to pay in money, so she offered me mine back.

I thought about it. The deal I made with her was for \$20 dollars for ten pounds of cherries and \$10 of it for her labor. She did the labor. She was the one the farmer decided to trade cherries for eggs with, not me. I don't have eggs to trade. It was her windfall, not mine. The appropriate thing to do was leave the \$20 in her hands so I told her to keep the twenty bucks then explained my logic. "Kat," I said, "Don't offer to give someone their money back when you run into a windfall like this. People automatically say yes to getting money back. If you get a good deal by trading eggs, I didn't need to know about it. The farmer offered YOU the deal. I don't have eggs to trade; you do. When starting out one way then getting an honest windfall, keep the particulars to yourself. But Kat?" I said, "It is NOT ok to trick people into

paying double so you can go free. It always gets found out and you lose friends."

I pitted the cherries and Grandma mixed sugar with cherries to be frozen in bags of three cups each for winter cherry pies for Grandpa. All except the last cup and a half of cherries.

Cherry Cobbler

(Any fresh fruit will work)

Filling

- 1 1/2 cups fresh fruit
- ½ cup juice or water
- Dash of salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 Tablespoon corn starch

Pit cherries being careful to collect all the juice possible. Measure the cherries aside in a bowl leaving the juice behind in the bowl. Measure the left-behind juice. If there is less than ½ cup of juice add enough cold water to the measuring up to make it ½ cup. In a saucepan mix the sugar, salt and corn starch very well so that the corn starch is well incorporated or there will be lumps later. Pour the juice into the saucepan with the dry ingredients

(sugar, salt, corn starch) and mix all together into a slurry. Over medium heat bring the slurry to a simmer until it has thickened. Add the cup and a half cherries. Mix in cherries then take off the heat. Pour into a bread loaf pan and set aside while making cobbler biscuits.

Cobbler biscuits

- ½ cup flour
- ½ Teaspoon salt
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- 1 ½ Tablespoon oil
- 2 Teaspoons baking powder
- 3 to 4 Tablespoons water, juice, or milk

Mix dry ingredients together then add wet ingredients. Stir until just moistened and the batter is the right consistency for drop biscuits. Drop by spoonful across the top of the cherries in the bread loaf pan. Bake at 400° for 25-30 minutes.

Note: If using other fruits types, spice and herbs can be added to the filling, cinnamon with apples, clove with plums, ginger with peaches. This recipe is easy to double for a larger family

or a potluck gathering. PS: The money amount in this article was selected for ease of calculation.

About the author: In 2000 Michele Priddy left the work force to be 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. You can contact The Leavenworth Echo at Reporter@leavenworthecho.com or Michelle's email: mykitchenstrategies@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments.

Bee Kind

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negative news and dwell on those stories. The ugly feeling of what is wrong in the world tends to take over your life, interrupting your thoughts, affecting your relationships, and controlling your attitude," East Wenatchee Mayor Jarrilea Crawford said. "I believe what the Kindness Counts committee is trying to do is make kindness contagious and infect the whole valley with it."

Other kindness ambassadors were Mike Cooney, former mayor of Chelan, Rafael Aguilar, local radio personality, Dominick Bonny of Digital Media Northwest, and civic volunteers including Melanie McQuaig, Kris Cameron and Abbie Gunderson.

The campaign collects local acts of kindness on kindnesscountsnow.com and a drop box at Pybus Public Market. The group promotes these stories on their website and social media accounts. Sharratt emphasized that the site promotes small everyday gestures including returning one's shopping cart and opening the door for a stranger.

During the July 20 meeting at the North Central Washington Community Foundation, attendees shared stories of kindness from around the valley. That included Wenatchee High School students Kirsten Jarmin and Izzie Brown, the president and vice president of the school's Random Acts of Kindness Club. Kory Kalahar, Superintendent

of the Wenatchee School District, also encouraged the group.

"If we all can be kinder than necessary, we will be good stewards of our community," Kalahar said.

Retired art teacher Terry Valdez and his daughter Claire spoke about the progress of their Art Cart. The father-daughter pair sets up free watercolor painting lessons in local parks which has attracted many a passerby. They will host the next Art Cart on Aug. 9 from 2-4 p.m. at Wenatchee's Rotary Park.

The positive energy of Sharratt's brainstorm has electrified the community. Several groups have paid forward kindness including Link Transit and the Wenatchee Valley Senior

Activity Center. Local high schools have started kindness clubs while established groups have furthered their efforts. At Vale Elementary in Cashmere, students wrote nearly 1,400 "Happy Letters" to encourage their recipients, including 600 written to veterans last November.

Sharratt has seen the need for general benevolence during his decades in public education. He worked in K-12 schools for 30 years and also been the Superintendent of North Central Education services, a professor at Washington State University and the Executive Director of the Washington Student Achievement Council. Currently he is the senior research advisor for the Center of Education Effectiveness. Considering the aftereffects

of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sharratt feels the responsibility to mirror kindness for younger generations.

"As an educator I want to make sure we as adults model the kind of behavior we expect our young people to have going forward like civility, thoughtfulness," he said.

When Sharratt asked Cooney to join the initiative, the two bonded quickly. Cooney believes small acts of kindness contain high mileage and that the country has overcome greater obstacles than the current disagreements.

"I don't think you go in this to see any bar charts showing kindness is up 10 percent," Cooney said. "When you hold the door open for someone, there's just a little bit of joy that you get. You hope by

opening the door that person will pass it on, do something. We just have to get back to being humane to each other."

In ways seen and unseen, that is what Kindness Counts NCW aims to encourage as the 2023 campaign continues. For Sharratt, a silent Christmas thought has evolved into a community endeavor he hopes will have lasting effects throughout the long calendar of this year and beyond.

"We cannot exist as a community, we can't prosper as a state or as a nation if we can't come around to honoring diverse points of view without fear and anger," Sharratt said. "Kindness is free. It doesn't cost anything. You don't have to be wealthy to be kind. It's one of those things where it's just really contagious."

Osprey nests

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"Every spring, we monitor power poles closely for any new nesting activity. Once we notice nesting material in unsafe locations, we have to act quickly to provide an alternative and entice the birds to a safer location" said Chelan PUD Biologist Kelly Cordell. "We want to protect the osprey and reliability for customers. That's what this program is about."

The nesting platform program, part of Chelan PUD's Avian

Protection Plan, began with fewer than 10 in 2006. This spring, the number of platforms totaled about 56 as the population of osprey has grown exponentially.

Canada Geese, which normally nest on the ground, have seized the opportunity and overtaken some osprey nests in recent years. Geese lay their eggs weeks before osprey return from their annual migration from Central and South America, forcing the raptors to seek lodging elsewhere.

To prevent the geese from using the osprey platforms, line crews place covers over the osprey nests during March to keep geese out

until the osprey return. When the osprey arrive in early April, the covers are removed.

"The monitoring keeps us all very busy in the spring," Cordell said. "We're working with our partners at the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to find more solutions for managing geese and osprey conflicts."

Chelan PUD and Puget Sound Energy finalize clean energy contract

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and Chelan County Public Utility District announced a new contract for renewable hydropower from two PUD

hydro projects on the Columbia River.

The five-year "slice" contract supplies PSE with 5% of the output from the PUD's Rock Island and Rocky Reach hydropower projects from 2024 through 2028. The contract complements an existing contract between the two utilities, while generating revenue for the PUD to provide continued rate stability for its customers.

"This contract is part of an overall strategy designed to provide several benefits to customer-owners," said

Chelan PUD General Manager Kirk Hudson. "Ultimately, surplus energy sales keep Chelan County electric rates well below state and national averages, while also protecting customer rates from the risk of volatile markets and variable streamflow."

The PUD ensures a competitive market price for our customers-owners with the public auction process. Bids are submitted and the PUD selects the highest qualified bidder. The competitive market pricing also allows the PUD to lock in a margin above

production costs for the benefit of its customer-owners. PSE secured the contract as the highest bidder in an auction in early 2023.

The contract will bolster PSE's supply of carbon-free energy, in line with the goal of becoming a "Beyond Net Zero Carbon" energy company by 2045.

"We value our continuing long-standing positive working relationship with PSE and are pleased that this energy will help our state meet its low-carbon policy goals," Hudson said.

WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT



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Nate Stull shows off the sockeye his clients caught at Lake Wenatchee

Sockeye salmon madnes and more

By JOHN KRUSE

LAKE WENATCHEE Lake Wenatchee is experiencing a big sockeye boom this year. As of July 21, 67,354 sockeye salmon had passed through Tumwater Dam enroute to Lake Wenatchee. This is well over the ten-year average for the entire run that typically ends in mid-September. This equates to many more sockeye in Lake Wenatchee than anglers have seen in years.

Nate Stull, the owner of Stully's Guide Service (www.stullysguideservice.com) has been fishing Lake Wenatchee and says the fishing is pretty good though the boat ramp at Lake Wenatchee State Park is so busy you may end up not getting on the water at first light for the best bite. Even though Stull didn't get on the water to fish until 6:30 a.m. on his most recent trip, several of his clients still caught limits of sockeye out of his boat during an abbreviated morning bite that saw lots of fish hooked, and several lost with the barbless hooks required here.

Stull is trolling a Mack's Lure 1.5 Smile Blade spinner in pink or green or glo-burst. Also being trolled are pink or chrome dodgers are tied about 8 to 12 inches in front of the lure. Stull is using

downriggers and trolling 45 feet deep in the early morning and going as deep as 90 feet in the late morning. The entire upper end of the lake is fishing well since the sockeye are going up both the White and Little Wenatchee Rivers. Stull does have several openings for Lake Wenatchee. He expects the fishing should remain solid for quality fish until mid-August. You can book a trip with him through his Facebook page or through his website at https://stullysguide-service.business.site/.

WENATCHEE RIVER

The large bounty of sockeye returning to Lake Wenatchee this year has the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announcing a rare opening of the Wenatchee River from August 1st through September 30th for sockeye salmon with a limit of four sockeye a day, as well as two adult hatchery Chinook salmon per day. The river is open for fishing from the mouth to the Icicle Road Bridge in Leavenworth.

I checked in with Rick Graybill, the fishing guru at Hooked on Toys in Wenatchee and asked him about this new opportunity. Graybill told me the vast majority of the sockeye run has already made it to Lake Wenatchee but with several hundred sockeye a day still entering and traveling up the Wenatchee River on a daily basis, there is

the possibility of hooking into some fish here.

Graybill recommends plunking for the fish, casting out a pyramid sinker heavy enough to keep your bait in place without drifting. Twelve to 15 inches up from the sinker he'll tie on a three-way swivel. Connected to that swivel is a two-foot leader. At the end of the leader, rig up a Spin-N-Glo lure, pink and red being good color choices, along with a couple of beads and then two barbless hooks. On the top barbless hook rig up a canal shrimp for bait. Above that first offering tie on a second three-way swivel and add a second bait rig similar to the first.

As for where to fish, Graybill recommends looking for a point and fishing three to six feet deep since the fish will be hugging the shoreline, especially during the early morning hours. As the day progresses you can still catch them at times but you will want to fish deeper water, like 10 to 12 feet deep.

BREWSTER SALMON DERBY

If you are fishing this weekend around Brewster, you'll likely have lots of company. The Brewster King Salmon Derby takes place August 4-6 and up to 300 anglers are expected to attend. If you want to participate you may be too late. Ticket sales ended at midnight on August 1. You can find out

more about the event at www.brewsterkingssalmonderby.com.

MID-COLUMBIA STURGEON CLOSURE

Anglers have come to take sturgeon fishing on the Columbia River for granted but things are changing this summer as both WDFW and ODFW announced a closure to all sturgeon fishing between The Dalles Dam and Priest Rapids Dam until September 15.

At least 24 sturgeon have been found dead in this section of the river this summer, most of them being found in the John Day Pool. One reason why these sturgeon deaths are occurring is the warming temperature in this part of the Columbia River, which is running higher than normal.

Just as catching trout in warm water can be fatal for the fish, the same goes for sturgeon and WDFW biologists say, "High water temperatures and lower dissolved oxygen have been shown to stress and kill sturgeon. While only catch-and-release fishing is allowed this time of year, closing all fishing will help reduce stress from capture and handling and give sturgeon some relief until water temperatures cool off in September."

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PUBLIC HEARING
Rates 35 & 36

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WHEN: Monday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m.
WHERE: Wenatchee HQ Boardroom
327 N. Wenatchee Ave.

Members of the community are welcome to attend to hear more about staff's proposal and to provide public comment for board consideration.

Comments and questions about the rate proposals can be sent to contactus@chelanpud.org.

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Register now for Back-to-School event: Clothes for the Classroom and Back to School Health Fair

Submitted by THOM NEES

Serve Wenatchee Valley

WENATCHEE - Remember when you were in elementary school how important new clothes were on your first day of school? New clothes became a symbol of confidence. Sadly, many children living in our valley will not be able to have new clothes for the coming school year. These children are every bit as worthy to merit a new set of clothes but can't get them without a little help.

Serve Wenatchee Valley's Clothes for the Classroom

is partnering again this year with Columbia Valley Community Health's (CVCH) Back to School Health Fair. Together, we will provide free clothes and backpacks filled with school supplies for up to 1,000 area students this August.

On Saturday, August 12, the shared event will be held at Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church from 8 a.m.-noon in a fair-like atmosphere. In addition to the clothes and backpacks filled with school supplies, there will be other fun activities

together with CVCH reveals the power of community." All the clothes are new, and will be purchased from local stores, Nees said, and we will have about 80 volunteers to set up the week before and help on event day. Serve Wenatchee's presenting Sponsors this year are Saddlerock EPC and Numerica Credit Union. CVCH's presenting sponsors are Community Health Plan of Washington, & Molina Health Care.

What to do?

- Parents and guardians in need of this resource can register your children through the end of July or until registration is full, by visiting www.servewenatchee.org and click on Online Registration button, or calling SWV, 509-ONE-HOPE (663-4673).
- The public can provide clothes for children K-8 for only \$35 per child. A great deal. Visit www.servewenatchee.org and look for the Clothes for the Classroom donation link to make this possible.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the upcoming Leavenworth mayoral election, we have three local candidates: Incumbent Mayor Carl Florea, Rich Brinkman past city administrator, and Becki Subido.

Brinkman and Florea have experience running the city and many Leavenworth residents are unhappy with how Mayor Florea and the city council are performing their duties. The proposed shady land swap deal with Tom Lin for Gary (Spencer's) old Car wash & Quick Lube involving Lions Club park and the swimming pool will become an issue. That issue should be voted on in an upcoming election. There is also the issue of underground oil contamination at the intersection of Chumstick and Hwy. 2. One of the most important issues is that it seems that the mayor and city council are not listening to the residents and seem to be favoring developers over city residents' concerns. We want to keep Leavenworth's quaint village charm for its residents, not the developers. No more high-density housing development! There are serious ingress and egress issues regarding going in and out of town in case of an emergency.

It seems that we have a little political "dirty tricks" operation going on by someone "against Becki Subido." Someone(s) has been stealing Becki's political signs and going around town lying to prospective voters that Becki is an extremist. Becki Subido is the opposite of an extremist. If you want to know the real truth about

Becki Subido for mayor, then go to her website and learn the truth. Stealing political signs is illegal, childish, shows a lack of respect for the law, the other candidates and weakness and fear. Do the right thing and leave the signs alone if they don't belong to you.

One of the things that Becki did was serve as a Seattle police officer, Air Force intelligence and as has a career in administration, she has a very impressive record. Becki has too much class to get down in the political mud and sling it. Are Florea and Brinkman scared that they might get beat by a more qualified woman? When I ran for political office, we agreed that we would not publicly badmouth other candidates, just stick to what you will do if elected.

Becki Subido is the best qualified candidate for a mayor that will prioritize the needs, wants and desires of Leavenworth residents, over those of the developers. We need another good woman as mayor of Leavenworth again. Vote for Becki Subido for Leavenworth mayor.

Bill Cowles, Peshastin

I own the Taffy Shop and made a donation to Brinkman's campaign. I have an interest in what happens in town because my source of income sits where they are elected. I also have a 24-Year-old son that has a business. So, my concerns are real when it comes to tourism and how the city is being run, especially downtown. I do not agree with current leadership and the way things are being run. I have known the current mayor for 40 years and have

witnessed quite a few things I do not feel were handled in the best way. Leavenworth needs someone with experience, it's that simple. Mr. Brinkman has that experience.

I believe he can find a balance from plowing to housing. I don't want any more housing shoved in or we will be the next Paradise, California in my opinion. If a fire breaks out, we are stuck! Nobody has mentioned our safety once, just shove more homes in. In 1994 the big fire was hard; I can't even imagine what it would be like with another 1000 residents! A fire emergency will create chaos in Leavenworth, much more than any festival. So, I can agree with Becki on over housing even though she decided to use me as part of her platform. Cary Sanger as President of Projekt Bayern, yes, Projekt Bayern donated because we care about the Bavarian theme. It is questionable if the other 2 candidates do. Simple facts: There is a board of directors, 9 total. Challenge yourself to see who sits around my table. I, as president just run the meeting. With that being said: a motion was made by a board member and second by another and voted on. You guys do realize I don't get a vote unless there is a tie, right.

Becki repeatedly said she hates Special interest Groups, (opinion) then identified Projekt Bayern as one. She is right about that; our special interest is the BAVARIAN THEME. Simple as that!

Just look around town, PB built and remolded everything. Helped bring down the warehouse for

more parking, painted the hospital to meet code and the one I love the most is the bathrooms in Lions Park. Plus, PB built an event in and off month! All with money made by supporting the theme and throwing a great event from 1998-2019. We all know how Carl feels about Projekt Bayern so why would we ever support him. Three days into his leadership he told us he was elected to get rid of Projekt Bayern and Oktoberfest. So, when he says we wouldn't work with him he's right, he had already told us we were gone. Why fight a losing battle. He already had a plan. Then he sued us and wasted city tax dollars, all for what? As far as Becki, I just don't believe she has the expertise to run our very active and emotional town.

And now the final... Projekt Bayern and Oktoberfest are NEVER COMING BACK to Leavenworth.

It was hard at first as we all love our home, but we have found much more in Wenatchee. Professional people to work with and a great venue with infrastructure.

Plus, between Leavenworth and Wenatchee we are helping the whole valley so that's a win in my book. Leavenworth is doing their local Brewers Oktoberfest and more family friendly; I wish them well as my business is in Leavenworth. We will be doing our traditional Oktoberfest in Wenatchee with free admission this year. Here's to a great year for all the Valley!

Cary Sanger, Tax paying Resident, Business Owner, and Projekt Bayern President

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The Pool Swap Whistle

By Rhona Baron

Leavenworth is buzzing after the July 25 council session where over 100 citizens attended in person and via zoom. I had not planned to swap the series of columns we've started on affordable housing for a pool swap column, but if we can check relevant facts and provide analysis, we'll step up. We appreciate how you did the same when a hot community issue emerged. The town's thermostat rose quickly when it became known that the city council, under the guidance of Mayor Florea, was poised to sign something called a "Letter of Intent" (LOI) to engage in negotiations with a Leavenworth landowner, Thomas Lin. The intent was to swap Lin's property, the former Car Wash and Quick Lube at the end of town for the local pool and a portion of Lion's Club Park. Part way into the discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Marco Aurilio to accept the LOI.

Florea stated to attendees: "If you want to get up and speak that's fine but I would encourage you to speak about whether we should investigate or not. Not whether we should swap or not, because that's not the issue." As the "parliamentarian" of council sessions, Florea was referring to a rule that when a motion is on the floor, it trumps other concerns and frames comments. As the community watched and listened, the mayor and council took turns declaring that the Letter of Intent was required to further study the pool swap. Notable exceptions were Anne Hessburg and Sharon Waters. Tibor Lak said the LOI allowed money to be spent on investigating the deal, "It's just a legal form that allows staff and the mayor to start looking into this." Clint Strand commented, "That letter of intent starts the due diligence process because we can't spend (without it.)" Zeke Reister remarked, "Right now we don't have any information that you can talk about...and the way we

get it is the letter of intent." Aurilio and Jason Lundgren spoke at length about the potential value of the swap process that must begin with the Letter of Intent. Florea repeatedly gushed over the value of signing the LOI declaring we need to find out if the swap is "too good to be true." The community was not as convinced. They questioned the need for the LOI and asked what it meant. Some folks took issue with the fuzzy language in the LOI. Councilperson Sharon Waters stated flatly that she didn't trust the LOI. Along with her other comments, Waters earned the only major applause of the evening. One man suggested revising the document to denote "interest" rather than intent, or asking Lin to submit a formal binding offer to exchange the properties before the City expends any funds to evaluate. In the end the council listened, and the motion was withdrawn. It will resurface at the next council session where the City's attorney will be present to explain implications and discuss whether the LOI is necessary to proceed. Since the meeting, The Whistle Team has been driving the twisty highway of local politics. With quite a few bumps under our belts, we present some facts. Each one thoroughly researched and backed by data.

First, there is no legal requirement that prevents the council and mayor from moving ahead to spend money declaring that the Letter of Intent was required to further study the pool swap. Notable exceptions were Anne Hessburg and Sharon Waters. Tibor Lak said the LOI allowed money to be spent on investigating the deal, "It's just a legal form that allows staff and the mayor to start looking into this." Clint Strand commented, "That letter of intent starts the due diligence process because we can't spend (without it.)" Zeke Reister remarked, "Right now we don't have any information that you can talk about...and the way we

If that's the case, why was the LOI presented to the council as a needed tool to work with Mr. Lin? Florea wrote me: "...He (Lin) asked for a form of commitment to explore the idea since he had other offers for the property

and needed some level of understanding between us to "buy us time" and keep him from selling as long as we were moving forward on the agreed to path." Mayor Florea's account of the genesis of the LOI does not exactly line up with Lin's. We quote Mr. Lin from the Council meeting on July 25, "The Letter of Intent was not initiated by me, it was initiated by the city so they can start a conversation." In plain speak, according to Florea, Lin requested a legal document from the mayor. If not, he'd consider other deals. Leavenworth's attorney composed the letter at Florea's request. Let's find out the rest of the story.

The initial letter was drafted by the city sometime in July and handed off to Mr. Lin's legal counsel for edits. The Whistle has a copy of the redlined letter, deleting or altering the City's verbiage and replacing it with language desired by Lin. Many LOI's include, at a minimum, the intent of the parties, a financial component, and the intended use of the property. This letter falls short, most importantly regarding intended use, which remains flexible for the buyer.

Florea's response to me, and to the public at the council meeting, was basically that the language of the document doesn't much matter. If the City's lawyer has no problem with Lin's changes, there are no issues. The LOI is "ultimately non-binding" according to Florea and most of the council. But if words don't matter, why were they adjusted by Mr. Lin?

Our legal research concludes that Washington law is very nuanced about when oral statements can be used to change the terms of a contract. Even the "not a binding agreement" language in the LOI wouldn't be sufficient to prevent Lin from arguing that oral representations were made to him by the City that fully committed them to proceed with a deal.

And what about the politics associated with a community



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deal of this magnitude in a mayoral election year? Council chambers became uncomfortable when mayoral candidate Becki Subido came to the podium. She directly and repeatedly declared the letter was not a legal requirement for moving forward. She asserted the LOI should be "rejected in its entirety." Subido looped back over her key points, as the council seemed to lose patience. In her remarks, she refuted the notion that the community can't "handle change."

Some felt it wasn't a good look for Subido, but it didn't make her information incorrect. Lin listened then responded several minutes later. As he wound up to take the swing, he prefaced his remarks, "The last comment I want to make, which is probably not very pleasant..." then went on to make a personal attack on Subido's character and behavior. As Subido began denying the allegations from the sidelines, the mayor, shushed her and stated, "quiet," giving the floor back to Lin who proceeded with his remarks, including characterizing Subido as unethical and her conduct "borderline illegal." Lin should have left it alone. His comments were unproved and beneath professional dignity. It was definitely not a good look for Florea. As parliamentarian, the mayor is responsible for fostering civility. Florea has no authority to make space for off-topic mudslinging against his opponent. Many people we've spoken with were unpleasantly surprised by the entire exchange.

We close by asking how you think we ought to move into the future with our treasured local pool? Let us know through our website lwhistle.com. Until next time, keep whistling. We hear you!

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