



Sutherland, the Town, and The Tumwater Twister

By WESLEY ZHAO
Correspondent

John Sutherland, the sixty-year-old developer of the controversial new Tumwater Twister in Leavenworth, was eight when his mother first put him on a roller coaster—a rickety wooden affair in the 1960s in Maryland. At the start, “It kind of freaked me out,” Sutherland said. “I was basically shaking for a minute and a half.” Then the ride stopped, and he found himself thinking, “That was cool. Let me do it again!”

Sutherland was reluctant to share much at first. But he was willing to sketch an outline of his life, and a subtle thread came into view: for over a decade, he worked as a ski instructor and area manager at Snoqualmie Pass, where he also started the state’s first commercial mountain biking park; he relocated to West Seattle for a romantic partner; then, after a stint in hospital administration, he began producing theater, which he explained was fun and also “a great way to lose a lot of money.” Sutherland, it seems, is enchanted with love.

And his love for coasters, in particular, never died. “They always fascinated me,” said Sutherland, “Where some people see monstrosity, I see circles, lines, and how it all flows down the hill...I think they’re beautiful structures.”

In 2003, Sutherland and six friends from a group called American Coaster Enthusiasts set a Guinness World Record for the greatest number of roller coasters ridden in a twenty-four-hour period (forty across eight parks). At around the same time, Sutherland started dreaming about building a coaster of his own. He spent a few years developing a theme park in Lakewood, just outside Seattle, but financing fell through. In 2007, he bid for a similar project at Whistler Blackcomb, but in the end, his coaster dreams were dashed once again (“A Canadian won... how weird...” he said, laughing).

Throughout these years, Sutherland found himself spending



PHOTO BY CAROL FORHAN
John Sutherland welcoming visitors and guests during the grand opening

more time in Leavenworth, a town nestled at the base of a canyon formed by sprawling Cascade ridgelines eight thousand feet high. Alpine lakes dot the mountain tops which are packed with snow in the winter, flush orange with larches in the fall, and stream into the Wenatchee River running all year long. And at one end of this mile-long town, facing Tumwater Canyon and Icicle Ridge, Sutherland found a ten-acre parcel of land—a hill, really—which had been for sale for over a decade.

The owners had planned to build a Bavarian castle resort, complete with gondola (“I still have the designs if you want to see” said Sutherland) but they too fumbled with financing. Sutherland saw an opportunity and brought it to a business partner, his former boss from his ski area days.

In 2017, Sutherland proposed their Adventure Park plans to the city. Public opposition to building a coaster at one of two entrances into the city was so strong that permit hearings moved from City Hall to

the Festhalle, the Bavarian themed event space normally reserved for community-wide gatherings such as Oktoberfest.

During the permitting process about two dozen articles and letters covering the Adventure Park appeared in this newspaper, with headlines like “Adventure Park Concerns Peak,” “Just Say No to the Adventure Park,” and (in all caps, no emphasis added) “ADVENTURE PARK - GREAT IDEA - WRONG LOCATION.” Residents felt the Park’s tall coaster was a clear and unnecessary capitalist exploitation of Leavenworth’s natural beauty. A citizen’s group called Friends of Leavenworth formed and fought the permit on the grounds of unaddressed traffic, environmental, light, and noise concerns.

Sutherland described the public permitting process as “pretty grueling.” Even after approval, he faced multiple appeals which began with the County Public Examiner and finally ended with the Chelan County Superior Court.

“It wasn’t easy, especially for me,” he said, “because I’m sensitive.” But Sutherland says he did his best to accommodate public concerns throughout planning and construction. He went out of his way to make the park the only business in town that qualifies as dark-sky compliant—meeting an international standard requiring special light fixtures and temperatures to minimize light pollution. The Adventure Park would become one of the only Leavenworth businesses without live music. And he actively worked with neighboring businesses to lessen the forecasted burden of parking and traffic.

Construction, which stalled from the pandemic, ultimately broke ground in 2021 and involved building a twenty-seven-foot-tall outdoor climbing wall, bungee cable trampoline, and of course, a three-thousand-foot-long alpine coaster with a two-hundred-foot drop.

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Leavenworth writer Angela Sucich publishes award-winning chapbook

Illuminated Creatures, “a modern bestiary” in poems, wins national competition

SUBMITTED BY ANGELA SUCICH

Leavenworth resident Angela Sucich will have her first book of poems, *Illuminated Creatures* by Finishing Line Press, published in the fall of 2023. The chapbook won the 2022 New Women’s Voices Chapbook Competition and was shortlisted for the 2022 Saguaro Poetry Prize and the 2022 CutBank Chapbook Contest.

Sucich, who holds a PhD in medieval literature from the University of Washington, puts her expertise to creative use in *Illuminated Creatures*, exploring human experiences through the frame of animal lore and interrogating the dubious stories and illustrations that brought the creatures to life in old manuscripts. Poems play with the structures and constraints of poetic forms, as well as more thematic boundaries and the questions they raise.

Tess Taylor, NPR poetry reviewer and author of *Rift Zone*, *Last West*, and *Work & Days*, writes: “Angela Sucich’s halcyon book is humming, full of self-made, remade myths, full of animals and beasts which often gleam, worlds in which ‘a silver lining/ flashes like a minnow pinned.’”

Poet Bill Carty, author of *Huge Cloudy and We Sailed on the Lake*, writes:

“The poems chart a course from past to present, from infancy to death, lighting a path through dark woods into a new lore, a world in which ‘the birds / will call us kind.’”

“Wonderfully vivid in its imagery and delight with language, and also learned in the best sense, Angela Sucich’s *Illuminated Creatures* enlightens us in its contemporary enactment of a medieval bestiary,” writes poet Carolyne Wright, author of *Masquerade* and *This Dream the World: New & Selected Poems*. “Its animal and avian characters, who possess wonderful names derived from fable—basilisk, caladrius, halcyon, hydrus—frolic, fly and slither across these metaphorically illuminated pages [...] This is a powerful and resonant debut.”

Illuminated Creatures is currently available for preorder from the publisher at a discounted price through August 4, 2023. The book ships on September 29, 2023.

Angela Sucich is a writer and poet living in Leavenworth, Washington. She holds a Ph.D. in Medieval Literature from the University of Washington (2007) and has taught writing and literature courses at multiple academic institutions. Her poems and short prose have appeared in such journals as Nimrod International Journal, Cave Wall, Atlanta Review, and Whale Road Review. Nominated for two Pushcart Prizes, a Best New Poets, and an Orison Books Best Spiritual Literature Award, she was honorably mentioned for the Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry in 2021. Finishing Line Press is an award-winning small press publisher based in Georgetown, Kentucky.

The Wenatchee River Ranger District will be implementing five aquatic restoration projects this summer

Visitors can anticipate temporary road, trail and campground closures during construction

SUBMITTED BY DEBORAH KELLY

Leavenworth - Five aquatic restoration projects are planned this summer on the Wenatchee River Ranger District. A portion of these projects will require temporary closure of roads, trails, and campgrounds.

“We would like to give folks a heads up that it is a busy summer out there. You would be hard pressed to find another area with as much aquatic restoration activity happening. Please be mindful of construction activities around rivers and streams, and adjust your recreation plans accordingly,” said District Fish Biologist McLain Johnson. “The work involves a suite of restoration actions, from replacing culverts to installing log jams. The primary goal is to improve habitat for steelhead, spring Chinook Salmon, and bull trout.”

Restoration projects are scheduled over the next few months on Beaver Creek, Big Meadow Creek, Goose Creek, and Nason Creek. Below is the subset of projects that require a temporary closure. During closures vehicle traffic will not be able to pass through the construction zone.

Big Meadow Creek Bridge Installation

A portion of the Big Meadow Creek Road #6300 will be closed from June 20 - July 19. The closure will begin at the intersection with Pole Ridge Road. There will be no access or camping at Meadow Creek Campground during this closure. Meadow Creek Campground will also be closed on July 24 and July 25 for investigation of future restoration activities.

Goose Creek Culvert Replacements

A portion of the Lower Chiwawa River Road will be closed from August 14 - September 1. The closure area begins just past the entrance to Goose Creek Campground and continues up to the intersection of Deep Creek Road #6101. Additionally, a segment of the Goose Creek Road #6102 will be closed during the same time. This closure begins at the intersection of Goose Creek Road and Lower Chiwawa River Road and extends a half mile to the intersection of the Goose Creek Road and Goose Creek Flat Road #6102-200. Finally, a short segment of the Lower Chiwawa ORV Trail #1548 will also be closed from the point where the ORV trail crosses Alder Creek Road #6208 to where the ORV trail departs from the Deep Creek Road #6101.

Upper Nason Creek Aquatic Restoration

A portion of White Pine Creek Road #6950 will be closed from June 26 - July 30. The area of closure begins at the vehicle bridge crossing over Nason Creek, with a railroad bridge overhead, approximately 1.5 miles from Highway 2. This short-term road closure will be a full closure, and vehicles will not be permitted to access the road network or dispersed

camping area during the closure.

The Forest Service is working in partnership with Cascade Fisheries, Chelan County Natural Resources Department, Trout Unlimited and the Yakama Nation to accomplish this important work to restore riparian areas and improve fish habitat. Several of the projects are a part of the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project implementation effort. For more information contact the Wenatchee River Ranger District at 509-548-2550.



PHOTO BY MCLAIN JOHNSON, WENATCHEE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT FISHERIES BIOLOGIST, USDA FOREST SERVICE.
This is an example of one of the newer style of bottomless arch culverts that allows fish and other aquatic organisms passage under a road. This one is located along the Alder Creek Road #6208 on the Wenatchee River Ranger District.

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Beaver Valley Elementary gets new mural



PHOTO BY TAMARA HERGERT

Standing left to right: Teacher Eric, Melanie, Willa, Declan, Oliver, Quinten, John, AJ, Tye, Weston, Dylan, Teacher Lori, Malachi **Sitting Left to Right:** Rylee, Addilyn Jo, Lily, Ian, Otis, Bella, Kaleia, Duncan

SUBMITTED BY TAMARA HERGERT

This June, Beaver Valley Elementary students painted a new vibrant mural for their school located in Leavenworth, Plain area. The old mural was Chipping off and it was time to reinvigorate it. The mural is the first thing you see as you drive by Beaver Valley Elementary, and now, it shines with a new vibrancy.

The mural theme is "Community around us" and it features local landscapes, flora and fauna, and lots of houses and kids. The mural

was painted on the exterior walls of the covered play area and is about 100 feet in total length with varying heights.

Tamara Hergert, a member of the Beaver Valley Parent Group and a professional Mural Artist, helped bring this amazing project to life by organizing it. Students created the mural design digitally on Tamara's tablet and then outlined the design on the walls and painted it with exterior wall paint.

Kids were so into it, and painted the mural with so much love and care. Beaver

Valley Elementary staff, Eric Tiegel, Sharlynn Parker and Lori Sanders, along with parent-volunteers contributed to painting this amazing mural and helped the mural design and painting phases go smoothly. Cascade School District's Maintenance team helped bring this mural to life by preparing the walls for the new mural. More information on murals by Tamara Hergert can be found at www.tamarahergert.com. To learn more about Beaver Valley Elementary visit at www.cascadesd.org/page/877.

Outdoor power equipment helps weather a storm or power outage

Be prepared and keep safety in mind, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute

SUBMITTED BY DEBBI MAYSTER

Summer storm season is nearly here, but having the right outdoor power equipment on hand year-round is important, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), which advises home and business owners to think ahead before foul weather or a power outage disrupts life.

"It's important to be prepared year-round given any season can be storm season. We see more people investing in portable and whole house generators and having other outdoor power equipment on hand such as chainsaws and water pumps to mitigate any damage from felled trees and water damage and floods," says Kris Kiser, President & CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment, small engines, battery power systems, portable generators, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars.

He notes that outdoor power equipment is becoming faster, lighter, more efficient, and more technologically advanced. "There's a power source for every need including battery/electric, propane, solar and gasoline," he says, noting each has different maintenance and care requirements. "Always read and follow the manufacturer's manual." To get ready for inclement weather, homeowners should identify which equipment is needed. Chainsaws or pole saws can trim limbs and shrubs ahead of a storm and handle clearing. String trimmers, pruners and chainsaws can also remove combustible material from around your home, making it less vulnerable to wildfires. A portable generator will power key appliances and charge cell phones when utilities go down. Before an outage, plan where the generator will be set up (never in a home or garage, and always away from your home and any air intake) and

determine how to secure it if needed. Buy and install a carbon monoxide detector, too. Get outdoor-rated extension cords for portable generators and consider adding an approved cover to your generator for rainy weather.

A whole house generator can keep the lights and appliances on and running. Water pumps can help get water and muck out of basements and homes. Be sure you know how to operate the pump. Never pump substances that your equipment is not designed to cope with. Pay attention to avoid overheating and follow all safety precautions.

A utility type vehicle can transport people and supplies quickly in an emergency. Keep the vehicle stable and drive slowly. Do not turn mid-slope or while on a hill. Consider taking a safety course. Always read the directions provided by outdoor power equipment manufacturers and be sure to follow all manufacturer's safety and usage recommendations before you need it, not waiting until an emergency. Practice

how to operate equipment. Save a digital copy of the owner's manual on your computer if possible, so it can easily be consulted in the future. Make sure to have the right fuel on hand and charge batteries ahead of an outage. Gasoline-powered equipment uses E10 or less fuel and most manufacturers recommend adding a fuel stabilizer.

Fuel that is more than 30 days old may phase separate and cause running problems, so it's important to purchase fuel just ahead of a storm. Store fuel safely and only use an approved fuel container. One of the most important things operators can do for safety is to pay attention to energy levels and health.

Preparation for bad weather, a power outage and storm cleanup can be taxing on the body and the spirit. Do not operate power equipment when tired or overly fatigued. Drink plenty of water and take regular breaks. Always use safety equipment like chaps, gloves, eye protection or hearing protection.

WEATHER THE STORM
HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT STORM, HURRICANE, OR FLOOD

PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE STORM:

- 1 Plan ahead by making sure you have the equipment you need and it's in good working order.
- 2 Always keep the right fuel on hand and check that batteries are charged.
- 3 Get everything set by having safety gear at hand and ready to go.

SAFETY MEASURES AFTER THE STORM:

- 1 Use safety precautions—keep a fire tooling and ALWAYS use two hands on equipment.
- 2 Only use portable generators outside and make sure there's plenty of ventilation.
- 3 Drive utility vehicles (UTVs) slowly, never on steep grades, slopes, hills, or through standing water!

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Storm Preparedness infographic

Michelle's
Kitchen Table Strategies
By Michelle Priddy

Pickle Juice Pizazz

When I was a youngling, in single digit years, Grandpa, then a young man, got hired as a schoolteacher at the edge of civilization. It suited him and Grandma, then in their twenties, to have room to roam and space to build. They were young and healthy so not having a doctor within 300 miles didn't bother them.

Grandpa was (and still is) a good hunter and fisherman so there was always wild meat to be eaten. However, the supply chain for human produced goods was iffy. Any fresh and/or perishable products that had to transverse that supply chain was a variable not to be dependent upon and Grandma worried over not having milk for her children. As a solution she always had a winter's supply of Milkman powdered milk on hand which was a good thing because sometimes our town would be snowed in for a month or two during the winter.

Preserved foods, like canned veggies and dried fruit that traveled well were standard fare during the single digit years of my youth and jars of pickles were precious and very valuable. On a schoolteacher's wages pickles were expensive (and probably still are) but it wasn't the money expenditure that made them valuable so much as the precious nutrients preserved in the vinegar, the herbs; the spices; the trace minerals.

Grandma and her lady friends saved the left-over vinegar juice after the pickles were all eaten. It didn't matter if the liquor was from dill pickles (Grandma's favorite) or sweet pickles (Grandpa's favorite), it all went into the jar at the back of the fridge (I like to keep the dill liquor and sweet liquor separate, just a personal preference) to be used to 'pickle' stuff like garlic and eggs. In the here and now I have access to fresh raw veggies so I 'pickle' them every now and then as well.

Pickled Veggies Pizazz

Because raw veggies can be hard to penetrate with the pickle juice, I like to simmer the veggies in the juice prior to refrigeration. (It isn't imperative, but it makes them softer and ready to eat quicker)

- ¼ cup chopped veggies- carrots, onion and/or bell pepper work well
 - 1 cup left-over pickle juice
- Simmer veggies in pickle juice in a saucepan for a few minutes. Pour into an 8 oz. Mason jar, put in the fridge for a week or two then enjoy eating them.

Pickled Garlic Pizazz

- ¼ cup raw peeled garlic cloves
 - ½ to 1 cup left over pickle juice
- Put the peeled garlic in an 8 oz. Mason jar, pour left-over

pickle juice over the garlic until the jar is full (there may be some left over pickle juice depending on how much empty space is between the garlic cloves.) Stick the jar in the fridge, wait a few weeks then eat.

Pickled Eggs Pizazz

When I was less than a teenager, Jerri, our local artist, would let her kids boil eggs then put them in left-over pickle juice. I wasn't a fan of them then, not my favorite now, but boy did the other kids love them.

- 2 boiled peeled eggs
 - 1 cup left-over pickle juice
- Put the peeled eggs in an 8 oz Mason jar, pour the pickle juice over the eggs until the jar is full. Put in fridge. Wait a while to let the eggs soak up the juice then eat at your convenience.

Note: When needed, if there is nothing else, pickle juice can be a ready-made source of electrolytes.

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. You can contact the Leavenworth Echo at Reporter@leavenworthecho.com or Michelle's email: mykitchenstrategies@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments.



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The annual International Accordion celebration parade is dedicated to the memory of Leavenworth resident Frank Calapristi.

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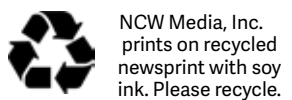
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

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.)
Senior Center: Exercise: 11 a.m.- noon. 509-548-6666. Music, call Steve, 509-548-7048. 1 p.m., (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 Kristalls at Noon, email wordenmike@yahoo.com or call 509-238-3925 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 (1st and 3rd Mondays), 7 p.m. via ZOOM link posted at https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/activity-calendar.html or contact Jenny 509-548-5904
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.)
Iceicle & 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@nw.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.)
Senior Center: Exercise, 11 a.m.-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: Leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

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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> 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.

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AA Meetings:
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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

Summer activities at the libraries

"Find your Voice" by participating in the Summer Library Program at any of NCW Libraries. Storytimes at Leavenworth Library on Tuesday mornings. 10:1 a.m. for Babies, 11 a.m. for Preschoolers. Wednesdays at 2 p.m. for craftnoons and STEM programs to explore the science of sound. Check with the library for details. Chamber Music Concert in the Library on Wednesday, July 5 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Enjoy fun musical stories and learn about instruments with the library and young artists from Icicle Creek Center for the Arts. Free, for all ages. Questions? Call the Leavenworth Library at 509-548-7923.

Magic Tricks and Secrets, Ages K-12, July 12, at 2 p.m. online

Magician Jeff Evans brings his magic directly to you in this virtual, interactive program that you can follow along and participate from home. Learn three simple tricks and stunts you can use to amaze your friends. Register online to receive the Zoom link via email. If you want to follow along with the tricks at home, here are the supplies you'll need: a deck of cards*, Scotch tape or glue stick, paper and

pen or marker. *Two cards will be permanently ruined to make a gimmick for one of the tricks. You may want to use an older deck of cards or find a couple of spare cards from an old deck. And, of course, performing this trick is totally optional. Attend a free program at your local library. Find something for everyone, no matter your age, stage, or interest.

Ponderosa 4-H Horse Club to host 68th Annual 4th of July pancake breakfast

On July 4th, from 7 to 11 a.m., the Leavenworth Ponderosa 4-H Horse Club, in conjunction with the Leavenworth Lions Club, will host the 68th annual 4th of July Chuckwagon Pancake Breakfast. A strong local tradition that brings together the community for the holiday, hundreds gather at Lions Club Park in Leavenworth to start the day off by supporting local youth and their 4-H horse projects. Club members and families cook, serve, and circulate, sharing their love of all things horse and 4-H. From their hard work, funds raised support club members participating in intensive equestrian clinics, local 4-H horse shows, and then showcasing their projects at both the NCW and Chelan County fairs. Locally renowned for their giant plate-sized flapjacks, breakfast tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for youth 12 and under. Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs,

sausage, coffee, and orange juice. The Ponderosa 4-H Horse Club has been an integral part of the Leavenworth community for nearly 100 years and is one of the oldest equestrian 4-H clubs in Washington state. They are generously supported by many organizations and individuals in the community that share their time, talents, resources, and finances to support youth development through their love of horses. The breakfast is held in conjunction with and kindly supported by the Leavenworth Lions Club, which serves their community through sight, hearing and diabetes health education & services, local food banks, college scholarships, scouts, youth sports, Special Olympics, and many other community projects. Contact: Laura Reichlin Ponderosa 4-H Club Leader <https://www.facebook.com/Ponderosa4h> or 206-550-8319, or reichlin@msn.com.

Youth Art Camp

July 11-13. Ages 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon. Ages 11-14, 1 p.m.-4, 3 days, 3 different themes- animals, nature, human form, 2D & 3D media each day, abstract and realism projects. Sign up for 1 day \$40, or all 3 days for \$110. Lore Smart and Teara Dillon are local artists and art instructors for the Cascade School District. We will be creating with your artists at Cascade High School facilities. Sign up at www.Artisus.org by Friday, July 7, space is limited.

Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The sheriff's report is compiled from public records as provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

June 16	June 19	June 21
00:12 Agency Assist, 6145 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin	09:07 Public Assist, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway	stick Hwy.
11:07 Theft, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway	09:11 Vehicle Prowl, Icicle Gorge trail 11:19 Agency Assist, 18400 block Winton Rd., Lake Wenatchee	17:36 Domestic Disturbance, 7544 S. Lakeshore Rd., Lake Wenatchee
11:11 Welfare Check, 11536 US Hwy. 2	11:35 Noise Complaint, 8292 Lynn St., Peshastin	18:57 Assault, 7600 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
13:00 Fraud/ Forgery, 7325 Kraus Rd., Peshastin	18:56 Suspicious Circumstance, 90 Mill St., DOT Lot	19:07 Property, 800 block Front St.
15:12 Marine, 13855 US Hwy. 2, Tumwater Drainage	20:21 Diversion, 427 Birch St.	20:01 Assault, 263 Mine St.
15:19 Water Rescue, US Hwy. 2 MP 91		21:04 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, 30785 White River FS Rd. #6400
17:15 Non-injury Accident, 308 Zeit Strasse		23:34 Domestic Disturbance, 4637 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
18:20 Assault, 633 Front St., Hotel Leavenworth		
18:51 Traffic Offense, US Hwy., and River Bend Dr.		
19:06 Water Rescue, 22576 Alpine Dr., Lake Wenatchee		
20:29 911-call, 190 US Hwy. 2, Der Ritterhof		
June 17	June 20	June 22
01:28 Harassment/ Threat, 810 US Hwy. 2, Bavarian Lodge	03:06 Malicious Mischief, 15263 N. Shore Dr., YMCA Camp, Lake Wenatchee	00:58 Alarm, 735 Front St.
08:02 Malicious Mischief, 585 US Hwy. 2	06:44 Suspicious Circumstance, Snow Lakes trailhead	01:28 Public Assist, Maverick Saddle, Lake Wenatchee
09:30 Alarm, 20628 Miracle Mile, Lake Wenatchee	07:24 Alarm, 805 Front St., Simple Treasures	10:34 Unknown-injury Accident, 11800 Chumstick Hwy.
11:06 Property, Evans, and Sherbourne Streets	08:50 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, Old Blewett Rd. and US Hwy. 97 Peshastin	11:10 Scam, 21311 SR 207, Lake Wenatchee
11:22 Unknown-injury Accident, Eagle Creek FS Rd. 7500	10:14 Vehicle Prowl, Leavenworth Waterfront Park	14:07 Traffic Offense, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
14:15 Disturbance, Lions Club Park	11:03 911-call, 1402 Commercial St., City of Leavenworth	15:47 Domestic Disturbance, 17170 Butcher Creek Rd., Lake Wenatchee
15:51 Vehicle Prowl, 4905 Icicle Rd., Eight Mile FS Rd.	11:30 Diversion, US Hwy. 2 and Alpensee Strasse	16:07 Suspicious Circumstance, 225 Central Ave., Osborn Elementary
17:09 Diversion, 24603 Spur St., Plain	11:58 Suspicious Circumstance, 65 Prusik Peak Ln.	16:41 Alarm, 2540 Sumac Ln., Lake Wenatchee
18:13 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 209 Pine St.	12:28 Public Assist, Leavenworth area	18:31 Lewd Conduct, 920 US Hwy 2, Village Mercantile
19:55 Disturbance, 1001 Front St.	12:36 Alarm, 423 Evans St.	19:57 Alarm, 423 Evans St.
20:22 Alarm, 9342 Icicle Rd.	16:31 Suspicious Circumstance, Chumstick Hwy. MP 1	21:33 Traffic Offense, Icicle Rd., and US Hwy. 2
21:05 Public Assist, 980 US Hwy. 2, Cashmere Valley Bank	16:48 Civil Dispute, 12413 Chum-	22:00 Traffic Offense, 240 Mine St.
22:10 Noise Complaint, 9918 School St., Peshastin		22:19 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 9500 block E. Leavenworth Rd.
22:37 Trespassing, 221 8th St., Ducks and Drakes		22:20 Miscellaneous, 90 Mill St.
June 18		22:58 Unknown-injury Accident, 700 block Commercial St.
00:08 Suspicious Circumstance, 221 8th St., Ducks and Drakes		23:14 Disturbance, 22494 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Lake Wenatchee
00:13 Malicious Mischief, 221 8th St., Ducks and Drakes		
00:36 Noise Complaint, 3012 Memory Ln., Lake Wenatchee		
02:00 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, Little Annapurna area.		
03:04 Suspicious Circumstance, 8558 Larson Rd., Peshastin		

- **Downtown Steering Committee, 10 a.m.,** meet in the Council Chambers and Zoom. (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 in 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.)

Employers begin deducting WA Cares premiums July 1

Workers contribute to earn long-term care benefits to use later in life

SUBMITTED BY WA STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Starting July 1, employers will begin deducting premiums from Washington workers' paychecks for the WA Cares Fund, the state's new long-term care insurance program.

Through paycheck deductions, Washington workers will contribute 0.58% of each paycheck (from gross wages with no Social Security cap) during their working years to be able to access a \$36,500 lifetime benefit (adjusted annually for inflation) to help pay for long-term care services when needed.

Employers won't pay any share of premiums for their employees and can't retroactively deduct WA Cares premiums. If employers don't deduct premiums from contributing employees, employers will have to pay the premiums themselves during quarterly reporting.

What employers need to know

While employers don't pay into WA Cares, they are responsible for reporting premiums and tracking exemptions. Employers must:

Deduct premiums from employees who aren't exempt. Employers will need to deduct WA Cares premiums from any paychecks paid on or after July 1, 2023, to employees whose work is localized in Washington (unless the employee has provided an approved exemption letter). Because both programs use the same localization definition, any worker who contributes to the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave program will also participate in WA Cares. Employers should not collect premiums from workers with an approved exemption on file. These workers must have an approved exemption from ESD and have submitted a copy of the exemption letter to their employer.

Track employee exemptions. Some groups of workers are eligible to apply for an exemption from the WA Cares Fund. It is the worker's responsibility to provide a copy of their exemption approval letter to their employer, which states the date that worker's exemption takes effect.

Report employees' wages and pay premiums. In October, employers will file their first quarterly reports and pay WA Cares premiums to the Employment Security Department (ESD). Employers will report for WA Cares at the same time as Paid Family and Medical Leave through an integrated employer account. However, they will need to submit a separate payment. Employer calculators to estimate WA Cares or Paid Leave premiums are available with other reporting information on Paid Leave's website. Additional employer resources are available at wacaresfund.wa.gov/employers.

To help employers answer worker questions and communicate about the program, the WA Cares team has created an employer and community toolkit. Employers with questions about the program can also contact the ESD customer care team.

What workers need to know

WA Cares is designed to help workers live independently in their homes as long as possible. By contributing a small amount of each paycheck while working – less than a dollar a day for the typical worker – they'll be able to access services like professional in-home care, making a loved one a paid caregiver, home safety modifications, meal delivery, transportation and more.

"Most of us will need some form of long-term care but don't have a way to pay for it. As our population ages, this need is growing rapidly," said WA Cares Fund Director Ben Veghte, Ph.D. "WA Cares will make a modest but critical amount of long-term care coverage affordable for all Washington workers for the first time. This program is an important step forward to help Washingtonians care for our families and age with dignity and independence."

To prepare for the program's launch, workers can:

- Learn program basics and calculate their contribution. Find more details on how the program works, including a worker contribution calculator with new features, on the recently updated WA Cares Fund website.
- Get up to speed on the program updates like

benefits for near-retirees. Last year, the program added a new pathway for people who are near retirement to earn partial benefits for each year they contribute to the program.

- Research exemptions. If they qualify and want an exemption, they need to apply and provide their approval letter to their employer. Exemptions for workers who have private insurance policies are no longer available, but four new types of exemptions are available on an ongoing basis. These new exemptions include conditional exemptions for workers who are a spouse/registered domestic partner of an active-duty U.S. armed forces member, work in Washington but live out of state, or have a temporary non-immigrant visa (including H-2A and H-1B visas). These exemptions are only valid as long as workers continue

to meet the exemption criteria, and if they no longer qualify they must notify their employer and ESD within 90 days. There is also a new permanent exemption for veterans with a 70% or higher service-connected disability. They must apply to the Employment Security Department (ESD) to get an exemption and provide their approval letter to their current and future employers. If they haven't applied yet, they should do so as soon as possible to ensure their exemption takes effect July 1. Refunds will not be available for those who don't apply for an exemption or provide their letter to their employer in time.

Get answers to questions and program news. Find webinar dates and recordings on the website. Those who still have questions can contact WA Cares. To stay up to date on news and events, subscribe to the program's mailing list.

Becki Subidio's Bid for Mayor



Becki Subidio

SUBMITTED PHOTO.

Who is Ms. Subidio and why she is running for Mayor of Leavenworth

Becki has lived in Leavenworth for 22 years while raising her son. Her son and daughter-in-law are graduates of Cascade High School and live in Leavenworth with her grandsons. Our community is home to Becki and her family. Becki is a highly experienced and passionate community leader that will return the voice of all as well as balance to a fractured community. She is highly experienced in small and large corporation business operations and teaches advanced collegiate business courses. She will address issues that pertain to affordable and workforce housing, growth management, infrastructure, ventures that bring synergy to our community, bringing together all stakeholders resulting in respectful and strong relationships while focusing on the overall goal of meeting community needs and protecting our quality of life, road and sidewalk maintenance, traffic and parking management, foster all business relationships, creating a community center, and ensuring authenticity of all communications between city administration and every community member.

Becki deeply cares about our community and is fully committed to ensuring that all

voices are heard while bringing fruition to the needs of the community. Our community needs significant and positive change in community leadership and Becki is the candidate for that change.

Other Professional Experience

- Adjunct Professor; Carson College of Business, undergraduate and graduate courses with highly rated evaluations.
- Founder and Executive Director of UVCares Behavioral Health in Leavenworth; a non-profit providing low-cost services for mental health (2019) and drug and alcohol addictions (opening June 2023) for all ages. Guardian ad Litem with Chelan and Douglas County Superior Courts, Police Officer, Firefighter, Military Combat Communications (USAF).

Education

- Executive MBA, WSU
- Bachelor of Social Science Concentration Psychology, WSU
- Community Service
- Multiple Director Boards of non-profit organizations
- Multiple community committees
- Founder of community pickleball program
- Volunteer coach of youth sports

Transforming lives through technology

SUBMITTED BY NCW TECH ALLIANCE

Computer Refurbishment Training At NCW Tech Alliance we run a Computers for Community program, where we donate refurbished devices for community members in need. We are seeking additional volunteers to support the growth of this program. Join us for a 2-hour training to gain new skills and learn how to refurbish MacBooks and Chromebooks. No tech experience to participate. Saturday, July 8 from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. at Pybus Public Market, in Wenatchee. Training age requirements: 13+ (youth must be accompanied by a guardian).

Sponsor Our Golf Tournament On August 3 We invite you to the social event of the summer, where you can make a lasting impact on local scholars. Sign up today to sponsor a golf hole for only \$1,000 at our annual Summer Scholarship Fundraiser on August 3. As a sponsor, you'll not only gain visibility and recognition, but your sponsorship will directly benefit our STEM scholarship fund. Take advantage of this opportunity to be part of something meaningful and support the future of STEM education. Contact us now to become a \$1,000 hole sponsor and pave the way for a brighter future. All STEM Scholarships will be awarded at the Annual

Innovator Awards Luncheon in the Fall of 2023.

Free Skills Program For Admin Assistant Join the gener8tor Skills Accelerator for rapid virtual training with a career track focus on being an Administrative Assistant. Build confidence, gain LinkedIn Learning certificates, and access reduced fee exams for industry-recognized certifications. Flexible, personalized, and ready to empower your future. Application Deadline is Sunday, July 16, Program Kickoff Monday, July 24, Program ends Friday, September 1. Apply online now at ncwtechalliance.com.

Calling all Youth and Educators After three years of virtual Tech & STEM Showcase events, we're excited to bring this program back in person at the annual NCW Fair from August 24-27 in Waterville. Students and teachers are invited to showcase their projects in technology and STEM. Share your exciting work in areas like robotics, virtual reality, computer science, and more. Sign up online to present during a two-hour window on either Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. This is a free, fun, and unique opportunity to exhibit your creativity while inspiring the community to embrace and support STEM. No cost to participate and entrance to the fair is included. Only two hours are required per participant, but you can sign up for more.

Obituary & Memorial Policies

NCW Media, Inc.: Leavenworth Echo, Cashmere Valley Record, Lake Chelan Mirror, Quad City Herald. An Obituary is a way for family member(s) to commemorate a loved one's life and to notify the community of the passing of the loved one. Obituaries are also used for historical and ancestral data. Memorials are another way to let the community know about the life and memories of the person who has passed. A Memorial is different from an Obituary. An Obituary is usually current, while a Memorial can be written later. Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all publish weekly on Wednesday. Obituaries are priced by the number of words and include one color photo and go online at no extra charge. Memorials are priced per column inch. Please call for cost. *Payment is due at the time of placement. *Exception: Chapels, funeral homes who have an account, can be billed. There is no charge for a Death Notice - information is limited. Deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday - some exceptions may apply. Please call 509-548-5286 for more information Or email classifieds@leavenworthecho.com

UPPER VALLEY CHURCH GUIDE

New to our area? On vacation? These churches welcome you!

TO PLACE INFORMATION IN THE CHURCH GUIDE CALL 509-548-5286

CASHMERE

CASHMERE BAPTIST CHURCH
103 Aplets Way • 509-782-2869
Sunday School, all ages, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.
Bible Study, Wed., 6.30 p.m.
Pastor Bob Bauer
Find us on Facebook at Cashmere Baptist Church

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
303 Maple Street • 509-782-2431
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Call for activities: Pastor Charles Clarke
www.cashmerepres.org

CASHMERE COMMUNITY CHURCH
213 S. Division • 509-782-3811
In-person Service, Sunday, 11 a.m. until further notice.
Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana
cashmerecommunitychurch@gmail.com

CHRIST CENTER
Sunday Worship Service at 10 am
Lead Pastor Steve Haney
5800 Kimber Rd., Cashmere
509-295-8006
christcentercashmere.com

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
• 509-860-0736 401 Elberta Ave.,
Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist.
Services, 10 a.m.
Pastor Rob Gohl

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
• 509-860-0736 222 Cottage Ave.,
Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist.
Services, 9:00 a.m.
Pastor Rob Gohl

DRYDEN

DRYDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Hwy 2 at Dryden Ave. • 509-782-2935
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
• Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Steve Bergland

MID-VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
8345 Stine Hill Rd. • 509-782-2616
Worship Service, 10 a.m.,
Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Pastor Mike Moore
www.midvalleybaptist.org

LEAVENWORTH

CASCADE MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH
Office: 509-548-4331
11025 Chumstick Hwy.
Please join us Sunday mornings
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship Service

CORNERSTONE CHURCH
Leavenworth Front Hall
621 Grant St.
info@cornerstoneleavenworth.com
Sunday Worship – 10 a.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
10600 Ski Hill Drive • 509-548-4345
Saturday Services • Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. • Fred Smith • 509-860-3997

SPIRIT LIFE CENTER
210 Benton Street • 509-548-7138
Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Prayer 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Russell Esparza

MONITOR

MONITOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3799 Fairview Canyon • 509-548-2601
In-person service, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana

PESHASTIN

**LIGHT IN THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH**
8455 Main Street
Sunday Worship 10 a.m. • Pastor John Romine
www.lightinthevalley.org

NEW LIFE FOURSQUARE CHURCH
7591 Hwy. 97 • 509-548-4222
Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.
Pastors, Darryl and Mindy Wall
Email: newlifeleavenworth@gmail.com
FB page: [newlifeleavenworth](https://www.facebook.com/newlifeleavenworth)
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Leavenworth's Own: Infuse Organics

By DEBORAH SWENSON

I've always enjoyed wandering the backroads. It's where I typically find the most intriguing places and friendliest people. This May, while RVing as part of my Harvest Host membership, I found a gem tucked amongst the pines along the Chumstick Highway at mile marker five, located just outside the east entrance to Leavenworth.

Infuse Organics (<https://www.infuseorganics.com>), owned and operated by Ohio transplant Scott and Sarah Michels, is a wonderful location to park your RV for the night. Open to the public, whether visiting Leavenworth for the day or just starting your vacation's first night, you can't go wrong visiting this little bit of paradise.

It's a must-stop and shop for all your sustainably grown organic products. This is where you'll find everything, from

seasonal fruits and vegetables to nationally available house-made essential oils, soaps, shampoos, balms, and more. The products offered by Infuse Organics are grown and compounded on-site in a clean and well-maintained shop, so you will always know exactly where your organic products come from.

Each of our ingredients is meticulously researched for beneficial properties and only the best make the cut. All the good, none of the bad. Because you deserve the absolute best."

Sarah, the main force behind the products, was a Chemistry major in college. After developing an allergy, she took her knowledge, researched, and developed a life-changing Balm Bar for herself and her family. At the encouragement of her father, Infuse Organics was born.

Once there, take the

opportunity to wander over the creek and across the red bridge to the lush green fields. Ten acres are divided into three farmable acres, including raspberries, organic flower



beds, vegetable gardens, and a small orchard bisected by the Burlington Northern Railway. The additional seven acres reach up the hillside in an uncultivated wilderness where Sarah and Scott perform wildcraft harvesting.

Infuse Organics takes to heart their farming practices by using a no-pesticide and

non-tilling form of gardening to prevent the release of carbon into the environment. Instead, Scott and Sarah use cover crops and black tarps to compost the soil over the fall and snowy winter months. In the spring, they hand till the earth to maintain the microorganisms vital to organic gardening. "As we grow and expand, it is our goal to become more and more sustainable. Our core values as human beings are to do everything in our power to keep our rivers clean, our land safe, and our air breathable.

Scott and Sarah are lovers of every outdoor adventure Leavenworth has to offer. At one point, they lived out of their car while traveling to various rock climbing and skiing venues. They chose Leavenworth as their home because it was "the only U.S. mountain town" with its diverse cultural activities and

outdoor environment where they would raise their three children and start an organic farm. Shop online or visit Sarah and Scott at their farm along the Chumstick or the Plain Valley Farmer's Market at Plain Hardware every Saturday from 9 to noon, from June until October. (Also visit them at the Leavenworth Farmers Market, 330 Evans St., every Thursday, 4-7 p.m.). Purchasing any of Infuse Organics pleasing products will support a sustainable culture for you and your loved ones for generations to come.

RVers, check out a Harvest Host membership at <https://harvesthosts.com> and book your one-night stay at Infuse Organics. For those not local to Leavenworth, the Chumstick Highway is the eastern entrance that takes you into the rural township of Plain, Washington, another must-stop-and-see town with its amazing, lush valley filled with homesteads, ranches, and a great hardware store.

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Infuse Organics owner Sarah Michels

PHOTO BY DEBORAH SWENSON.

NCW Libraries receives national grant for small and rural libraries

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE MCNIEL

Wenatchee- NCW Libraries has been selected as one of 240 libraries to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The competitive award comes with a \$20,000 grant that will help NCW Libraries make improvements to the overall accessibility of the buildings they occupy in Peshastin and Brewster. These projects will be completed in coordination with the Library's Reimagining Spaces project, a district-wide initiative to improve interior library spaces.

"We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," said Kim Neher, NCW Libraries Deputy Director. "This grant will allow us to partner with residents in Peshastin and Brewster who have difficulty accessing and navigating their local library. We believe libraries are for everyone, and we want to strive to remove any barriers to access that the public might face."

As part of the grant, NCW Libraries staff will take an online course on leading community conversations, a vital skill for today's library workers. Staff will then host local conversations with residents about barriers to library access and will use the grant funds to identify key building improvements to address those barriers.

The Peshastin and Brewster libraries were identified

as candidates for funding because both buildings have accessibility challenges and interior space remodels were already planned for the buildings in the coming year. To get involved or join the conversation, please contact Tim Dillman at tdillman@ncwlibraries.org, or visit ncwlibraries.org/reimagining-spaces for more information.

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have

productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff. "Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)." The Brewster Public Library and the Peshastin Public Library are branches of NCW Libraries. NCW Libraries' mission is to connect the people of North Central Washington with resources and opportunities that foster individual growth and strengthen communities. NCW Libraries' Reimagining Spaces project is a multi-year initiative to make interior space improvements at 27 libraries across Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan, and Ferry Counties.

Tumwater Twister

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Sutherland says he and his team spent most of the six million dollars in development money with Leavenworth-area contractors—hiring outside only when an agency required him to do so. He also staffed the park with locals, paying higher than standard wages (a manager displaced from a recently closed bakery now helps the Park keep food and beverage ordering local too). And for continued support of the community, Sutherland planned to host benefit nights every quarter for local nonprofits.

Finally, six years after planning and construction began, on June 1, 2023 at three in the afternoon, Leavenworth Adventure Park had its grand opening. At the ribbon cutting ceremony that day, Sutherland wore a bright orange polo with "Adventure Guide" in gray lettering—the staff uniform—and stood facing a crowd of families, staff, and investors. At his back were the new three-story park building, the

Tumwater Twister coaster, the namesake Tumwater Canyon, and the Pacific Cascade Mountains. He held onto his mic and attempted to form his first word, but his voice cracked. Sutherland choked back tears and wrestled his face from frowning while he stumbled through his first sentence: "Sorry, this always happens."

After his speech and the ribbon cutting, Sutherland led a procession of the first official twenty riders up the stairs to the Twister's starting gate (each rider had bid for their seat at an auction, which raised a couple thousand dollars for Cascade High School). I followed them up to the second floor with my guest, a skeptical local who grew up in Leavenworth and hence prefers to remain anonymous. We leaned against the railing and looked down at the grand opening crowd. I asked what they thought. They imagined bringing their nieces and nephews here and were glad to see something people could do in town besides just eat and get drunk. To their surprise, they said, "it's actually kind

of nice."

I caught up with Sutherland a week later on the top floor of the new eight-thousand-square-foot Guest Services Center, where large windows look out toward the Canyon and the Twister. The park was closed that day, and the building was empty. Sutherland told me he hopes the Park will make enough money to pay back investors but has no plans to move away from Leavenworth regardless. Everything he loves is here—recreation and arts sure, but also the town's history.

"It makes me feel comfortable," he said, referring to the story of Ted Price and Bob Rodgers, the World War II veterans who fell in love with the area's gorgeous scenery and helped mold a small destitute town into a thriving Bavarian-themed

attraction. "It's an amazing story. This couple that was together for fifty-eight years... It was 1960..." He laughed and continued more seriously, "Knowing what that must have been like at that point in time, to be in love and live together that way, but to have to be quiet and to have that pressure." He paused, "It's not easy. And the pressure still hasn't one hundred percent gone away, right?"

He asked if I had read a book called Miracle Town, about the founding of modern Leavenworth. "I want to turn it into a musical," he said, confessing he had already begun reaching out to composers. "The last of my money, by the way, is in this project," he said, referring to the Adventure Park. "If it doesn't work, I'll work at Starbucks I guess."

Outdoor Grilling Safety

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Olympia – The weather in the Northwest has finally warmed up and outdoor grilling has begun in many homes throughout Washington State. Barbeque-related fires may cause significant property damage and burn injuries. According to the National Fire Protection Association, on average 10,600 home fires are started each year and 19,700 patients are sent to hospital emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills.

Last year in Washington State, cooking fires that include open grills totaled 2,121 with a total loss of over 10 million dollars. The State Fire Marshal's Office advises residents to take steps to make this a safe barbeque season.

Setting Up:

- Ensure you check with your local fire agency about any outdoor burn restrictions or bans.
- Both propane and charcoal grills should only be used outside.
- At a minimum, keep grills

10' away from fences, exterior walls of the house, overhanging tree branches, or any other flammable materials.

- Be sure the grill is stable and level.
- Before using the grill for the first time each year, check the gas cylinder hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose and then turning on the gas. If there is a leak, the solution will form bubbles. If you can't stop the leak yourself, have it serviced by a professional before using it.

When Lighting:

- Whether cooking with a gas or charcoal grill always use caution when lighting.
- Always make sure your grill lid is open before lighting.
- When using charcoal, consider using a charcoal chimney starter instead of charcoal lighter fluid and never use gasoline or other flammable liquids other than lighter fluid.

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His pastoring skills and the depth of support from his wife help him bring forgiveness and restoration to many broken relationships. The bonds of three families are ultimately restored through celebrations of life experiences including fishing, holiday gatherings, the discovery of unknown family connections and a wedding.

Bill's Book is available online through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Apple iBook. The paperback is \$16.99 and the ebook is \$8.99. You can also pick up a copy of the book or order the book directly from Carol Forhan at The Leavenworth Echo (509-548-5286), or the Lake Chelan Mirror (509-682-2213), or by emailing your contact information to Carol@leavenworthecho.com. Mail delivery add \$3.00 for postage. There is no extra charge if your order is picked up at the Echo/Record office, call for details, 509-548-5286.

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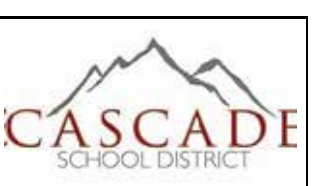
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5 key facts about flaxseed, Omega-3 fatty acids

Q: My sister takes flaxseed oil because she can't stand getting "fishy burps" from the fish oil and insists that flaxseed is just as good for you as fish oil. Is this true?



acids. Flaxseed contains large amounts of ALA, a different Omega-3 fatty acid. Unfortunately, ALA is not active as an Omega-3 until changed into EPA or DHA, and most people can't convert it into its active form.

Both flaxseed and fish oil have high concentrations of fatty acids called Omega-3. Eating foods rich in Omega-3 fatty acids helps counteract the effect of another type of fatty acid called Omega-6, which creates inflammation in your body.

Omega-6 fatty acids contribute to arthritis and heart disease, and many of them are in a typical American diet. Omega-6 fatty acids are found in popular foods like popcorn, pasta, potato chips, corn chips, bread, French fries, hot dogs, and many salad dressings, which contain either canola or soybean oil.

Fish oil contains 2 main types of Omega-3 fatty acids: EPA and DHA, which can help counteract the inflammatory effects of a diet high in Omega-6 fatty

Although flaxseed is not a good source of Omega-3 fatty acid, it helps lower blood sugar in diabetics, and lowers both high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Flax is an oily grain grown for its fiber and seeds. Flax fiber can be used for clothing, while the seeds are sold as whole seeds, partially defatted seeds, ground seeds, flaxseed meal, and flaxseed oil. Flaxseed may help decrease your total cholesterol and "bad" LDL cholesterol levels and relieve menopausal symptoms like night sweats and hot flashes.

Flax seeds are an excellent source of fiber, especially soluble fiber. Adding fiber to your diet with flaxseed has been shown to decrease LDL and total cholesterol. Flaxseed's fiber helps you stay regular because it is a bulk laxative, similar to psyllium or Metamucil®. Much of the documented benefits of eating flaxseed can be explained by the beneficial effects of adding soluble fiber to your diet. Taking flaxseed oil has not been shown to lower either LDL or total cholesterol.

The outer coating of flaxseed is a gummy layer that's very high in fiber, especially soluble fiber. Getting adequate fiber in your diet helps lower your "bad" cholesterol (LDL) and total cholesterol levels. These benefits can be found by eating whole seeds or using ground flaxseed meal.

You can add whole flaxseed to your diet by adding it to cereal, granola, or smoothies. Ground flaxseed or flaxseed meal

is less gritty and can be blended into smoothies or baked into breads, muffins, or cookies. Because whole and ground flaxseed contains a lot of fiber, they can act as a bulk laxative, similar to psyllium or Metamucil®. Add flaxseed slowly to avoid suffering intestinal distress such as gas, bloating, cramps, or diarrhea. You should also get plenty of fluids to prevent intestinal blockage.

Most sources suggest up to 40 grams of flaxseed daily (4 tablespoons of whole flaxseed or 7 tablespoons of flaxseed meal) to lower LDL and total cholesterol. Avoid taking more than 45 grams daily (4.5mg tablespoons of whole flaxseed or 8 tablespoons of flaxseed meal) to decrease your risk of intestinal problems.

Flaxseed and oil contain natural compounds called lignans, which contain phytoestrogens. These phytoestrogens can reduce the risk of cancer, especially breast cancer. Flax phytoestrogens block

soy's stimulant effect on estrogen-positive breast cancer tumors.

Here are 5 Key Facts About Flaxseed and Omega-3 Fatty Acids:

1. The soluble fiber in flaxseed lowers total cholesterol and LDL (bad) cholesterol.

Flaxseed's soluble fiber is concentrated in its seed coat. Flaxseed oil and lignin extracts do not significantly improve cholesterol levels.

2. Start flaxseed slowly to avoid intestinal distress.

Add whole or ground flaxseed to your diet gradually to minimize painful gas, bloating, or cramps, up to 45gm daily.

3. Minimize use of flaxseed while pregnant or breastfeeding.

Flaxseed contains phytoestrogens, which could affect the developing baby.

4. Flaxseed lignans can reduce hot flashes and the risk of breast cancer recurrence.

The phytoestrogens in flaxseed lignans can relieve

menopausal symptoms like hot flashes and night sweats without increasing the risk of breast cancer. Flax's anti-estrogen effect on breast cancer can boost the benefits of medications used for estrogen-sensitive breast cancer.

5. Fatty fish, fish oil, and krill oil have higher Omega-3 fatty acid concentrations than flaxseed.

The Omega-3 fatty acid ALA in flaxseed must be converted to EPA and DHA to be comparable to fish oil Omega-3. Most people only convert a little ALA to either EPA or DHA.

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*. Your questions and comments are always welcome at www.AskDrLouise.com ©2023 Louise Achey

Tips for avoiding bug bites this summer

STATEPOINT - Bug bites are not just a nuisance; they can cause discomfort and even pose health risks for some.

"Mosquitoes that may carry Zika, Chikungunya, Dengue fever and West Nile virus are always out in full force during the summer months and new evidence suggests that tick populations are growing, expanding their geographic ranges and carrying additional pathogens," says Daniel Perry, entomologist at Zevo, a maker of pest control products that are made to bother bugs, not people.

From beach barbecues to walks in the woods, here's how to safeguard yourself against ticks and mosquitoes, so you can stay bug-free this summer for whatever takes you outside.

• Beat backyard bugs: Eliminate standing water to prevent mosquitoes from using your backyard as a breeding ground in areas where you entertain and dine. Keeping your lawn and weeds in check is a useful step for managing ticks.

• Take safer walks: Whether you're picnicking in the park, walking the dog, working in the garden, or hiking in the woods, it's important to be mindful of ticks, which can transmit Lyme and other diseases. When possible, avoid contact with tall grass and brush, which is where ticks reside. Always be sure to launder your outdoor gear shortly after use. Take a shower soon after getting



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home, being sure to inspect your body (and your dog's!) for ticks. If you do spot a tick, follow proper protocol for removal, using clean tweezers and removing fully, without squeezing or twisting the tick. • Protect your skin: "No matter what your outdoor plans entail, bug spray products applied beforehand are your best bet for complete protection against mosquitoes and ticks, and of course, the diseases they harbor and transmit," says Perry.

The new line-up of Zevo On-Body Mosquito + Tick Repellents are odorless and non-greasy, unlike traditional insect repellents, and provide complete, feel-

good protection for the entire family for up to 8 hours. Whether you're at a garden-style wedding or

hiking a mountain trail, you can be comfortable and protected from bugs with this innovative formula. The

active ingredient in these products is inspired from a naturally occurring amino acid and doesn't leave your skin feeling sticky, which is a big bonus when you're spending all day outside or even just 30 minutes! It's available as an aerosol spray, a pump spray, and a lotion, which allows for easy, mess-free application before you go outside. • Camp smart: Before departing for a camping trip, check your tent for small holes and

repair or replace as needed. Select a campsite away from standing water and zip up your tent whenever you're not actively entering or exiting it. These measures will help you feel comfortable and protected from bugs on your next trip.

Don't let the bugs bug you this summer. From sporting events to evenings on the patio, a few precautions can help ensure your comfort and protection from those pesky pests.

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Nine-year old Will Clarke with one of several shad he caught near the John Day Dam.

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Rusty and his sturgeon.

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The S&P 500

By JOHN KRUSE

Most folks think of the S&P 500 as a stock market index but on a recent trip to the Columbia River Gorge, I realized it had a fishing meaning as well. Namely, the opportunity to catch 500 shad and pikeminnow over the course of a week.

My friend Rusty Johnston and I spent a couple of days fishing on the Columbia River between Rufus and The Dalles. Our first goal was to catch a bunch of shad, not just for fun, but also to use it for crab bait this summer. Our second goal was to catch some pikeminnow and turn them in for money through the Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Fishery Program.

This program is administered by the Bonneville Power Administration along with both the Washington and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The northern pikeminnow is a native fish, but fish nine inches and longer feed on outgoing salmon and steelhead smolt, impacting the survival of both species.

In this program, anglers are paid anywhere from \$6 to \$10 a fish for any pikeminnow turned into a designated station along the Columbia or Snake River. The more fish you catch, the

more they are worth and if you catch a tagged fish, it is worth \$500. You can find out more about this program, designed not to eliminate, but control the population of pikeminnow, at www.pikeminnow.org.

Rusty and I decided to start our trip fishing for shad below the John Day Dam. You can fish below the dam on both the Washington and Oregon side of the river, but we decided to buy a non-resident license at Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus and fish the Oregon side at Giles French Park.

We were using Shad Killers, a local jig sold at Gorge Outfitters Supply, and the hot color for us was red and white. The Shad Killer is a 1/16th ounce jig with a bit of flashabou on it. We tied the jig onto a two-to-three-foot leader which we tied to a barrel swivel. Above the swivel we had another swivel which held a 1/2 ounce lead weight. Other lures that work well with this set up are shad darts and Dick Nite spoons.

We cast our offering from the bank, let it sink for a few seconds, and then reeled in with a slow-to-moderate retrieve as the lure drifted downstream. We were soon rewarded by hook ups with a whole bunch of shad. The American Shad averages one to three pounds

in size. They are scrappy fighters and up to six million of them make their way over Bonneville Dam between the end of May and mid-July, all heading up the Columbia to spawn. I have enjoyed good days on the water catching shad before, but this day was epic. Rusty and I hooked into some 50 shad in just two hours of fishing. We lost a few (they have a nasty habit of throwing the hook) but reeled in some three-dozen fish, getting more than enough crab bait for the summer.

Speaking of uses for shad, the oily fish is also a favorite bait for sturgeon and some even cut them up into chunks to use for catfish bait. Still others will eat them. We met one angler at a cleaning station at Maryhill State Park who carefully filleted out the shad he caught. He told me he brines them and puts them in a pressure cooker (which gets rid of the bones) before canning them. He said the fish taste very good. I will have to give him the benefit of the doubt.

Finished with shad, we next registered at a check station and fished around The Dalles for pikeminnow. We only caught four keeper pikeminnow (worth \$6 each) but since this was our first

time participating, we also each got to turn in a coupon worth \$10 each after checking in our first fish. Better still, three anglers from Idaho were desperate for sturgeon bait and paid us \$20 for a single shad which they promptly put to use, casting their lines out at The Dalles marina hoping to hook into a monster fish. Altogether, we made \$64. That covered a good portion of our gas money getting back home.

One other fun thing about fishing for pikeminnow is the other fish you catch. I ended up catching eight perch and we both also caught smallmouth bass on the nightcrawlers we were using for pikeminnow bait, fished just off the bottom of the river with a two-ounce sliding weight. Rusty caught the most interesting bycatch of the day though, a 30-to-33-inch sturgeon on a bass rod that was spooled with braided line and just a 10-lb leader. It took him 15 minutes to get that prehistoric looking fish to shore at which point I snapped a photo of the fish, and he released it. It made for the end of a perfect day of fishing.

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Chiwawa River Road closed just past Atkinson Flat Campground, due to flood damage

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Chiwawa River Road #6200, located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District approximately 39 miles northwest of Leavenworth, is closed at milepost 18.2, just past Atkinson Flat Campground, due to a rock and material debris flow that damaged the roadbed infrastructure and road drainage. Large vehicles and those pulling trailers are advised to turn around at Atkinson Flat Campground; there is no turnaround space at the road closure.

In early May, unusually warm temperatures, melting snow from heavy snowpack, and heavy rainfall from spring thunderstorms caused high

water, runoff, mud and debris flows, and rockslides that damaged or blocked national forest roads. In some areas, including fire affected zones, plugged culverts resulted in additional road failures.

The debris flow on Chiwawa River Road #6200 deposited roughly 150 cubic yards of material on the northwest side of the Dry Creek Bridge causing 6-foot-wide and 2-foot-deep ruts along the route. Some of that material exited the road just above the bridge, this section is now heavily rutted. More of the material pushed across the bridge and down the road about a tenth of a mile depositing an additional 90 cubic yards of material

and creating 3-foot-wide by 2-foot-deep rugged ruts in the roadway.

"The road is not passable to passenger vehicles and will need to be repaired to get any equipment with trailers over the debris and ruts. There is not a good location for a truck with a trailer to turn around at this time," said Wenatchee River District Ranger Erica Taecker.

"We'll need to repair the road prism and bridge approaches,

luckily there is no damage to the bridge other than some rocks and debris that are blocking the bridge drain. We will be working to identify funds to repair the road in this next budget cycle, however, it could be at least next year before repairs can be made due to other contracts and projects currently underway," Taecker said. For more information, please contact the Wenatchee River Ranger District at 509-548-2550.



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