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## A Mid-Term Report: Cascade School District's Strategic Framework 2020-2025 and Improvement Plan 2022-2023 - Part 1



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Cascade School District (CSD) Superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou is a semester away from completing her fourth year on the job. The CSD Board is well established, with most members having already served more than one term. Given that tenure, the performance, and direction of CSD is now fully in the hands of Beckendorf-Edou and the Board. Two of those performance metrics are the state of the implementation of CSD's Strategic Framework 2020-2025 (the Framework) and the CSD Improvement Plan 2022-2023 (the Plan), both of which, in January 2023, are at their mid-term points.

Building from a foundation of CSD's mission statement - "Continuous Student Development" - and vision - helping "students develop character, scholarship and determination" - the Framework's goal is to define CSD as an institution that "cultivate[s] its students' full potential for lifelong success . . . guided by the knowledge that when we grow individuals, we grow strong, vibrant communities and a more connected world." The Plan's objective is to "orient district-wide priorities and initiatives PreK-12" by means of achieving four main goals during the current school year.

At the start of the 2019-2020 school year, Beckendorf-Edou embarked on what she called a "listening tour" of CSD by asking school board members, staff, students, parents, and community members for their vision of, and priorities for, the direction of CSD, as a whole. The

feedback she received was then distilled and developed into the core tenets of what became the single-page Framework, which the Board approved and adopted in July 2020. The Framework was then presented and disseminated to the wider CSD community via presentations, newspaper accounts, social media, and a website.

The Plan, with goals that align to the vision set forth in the Framework, was developed and issued by Beckendorf-Edou and advisors in the summer of 2022. It

both fleshed out the visions of the Framework and reported data from the 2020-2021 school year as a means of providing a progress report, of sorts, on the Framework.

The first goal of the Plan, which orients with the Framework's first vision, is to "improve academic and postsecondary success," specifically by ensuring that students are "on track" by ninth grade, "have postsecondary opportunities while in high school," and have high, "on-time graduation" rates.

To help achieve those ends, one of CSD's primary focal points is the implementation, in grades 3-12, of a program called Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID), which "serves not only [potential] first-generation college students through electives at the secondary level, [but] also provides [district-wide] emphasis on having a postsecondary culture, focus on rigorous instruction, and creating

systems to support student learning and growth." CSD plans to further develop AVID certified sites at Alpine Lakes Elementary School (ALPS), Icicle River Middle School (IRMS), and Cascade High School (CHS). In addition, Peshastin-Dryden Elementary School (PD) will undergo a planning year in 2022-2023, with AVID implementation to follow in 2023-2024.

According to the CSD website, "AVID has a great success rate in improving college-going rates of students across the country and helps students learn skills such as taking notes, asking good questions, and organizational skills." ALPS Principal, Kenny Renner-Singer is CSD's AVID Director and reports that "we [currently] start [the program] in the third grade with school-wide AVID and then move to an electives program at the middle

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Cascade School District Superintendent Tracey Beckendorf-Edou (center) with the District School Board

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## Apply for a Strategic Consulting Grant for nonprofits

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Community Foundation of NCW

Organizational Development Grant Deadline March 31

The Community Foundation of NCW, Icicle Fund, and North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH) are partnering to offer 13 organizational development grants for NCW nonprofits in 2023 and 2024. These \$5,000 grants are designed for local nonprofits to collaborate directly with a consultant of their choice on a project to strengthen the organization's ability to fulfill its mission and build towards long-term organizational resiliency.

If you are planning to apply, we highly recommend registering for the virtual workshop "Getting Good Guidance: Working with a consultant on nonprofit organizational development and capacity building" on February 10, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. For more information and to register: <https://cfncw.org/getting-good-guidance/>.

**Types of Support:** Examples of eligible projects include:

- Strategic planning
- Board development strategy
- Funding strategy
- Strategic growth and scaling
- Merger, collaborations, or strategic alliance exploration
- Communications strategy development
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA) strategy
- CEO/Executive Director succession planning

**Grant Limitations:** Examples of projects that are outside of the scope of this grant:

- Capital campaigns
- Feasibility studies
- Staff training
- Technology investment
- Consulting activities that have occurred or been planned prior to receiving grant

**Allowable Expenses:** Grant funds are intended to primarily cover consulting fees. Should consulting fees be less than \$5,000 for the desired scope of work, funds may be used towards meeting costs (venue, food, etc.) and staff time to engage in the organizational development activities. Organizations may choose to expand the scope of work beyond the \$5,000 grant with other funding sources. No partial grants will be awarded.

**Board Commitment:** Strategic consulting engagements will require a significant investment of time and energy for staff and board leadership, typically over a 3 to 6-month period. Applicants will need to submit a letter signed by the Board Chair to confirm the organization's commitment and readiness to take on the project. Organizations undergoing major upheaval (e.g., key leadership turnover, significant under-staffing, financial issues) or whose current capacity is otherwise limited should consider waiting until the 2024 grant cycle to apply as this will increase the likelihood of a productive and impactful process and outcome.

**Consultants:** Applicants will list at least 2-3 consultants they plan to interview for their project in the application. We have included a Directory of Nonprofit Consultants in NCW as a resource. The directory includes examples of the consultant's past local clients to serve as references so that organizations can explore who might be a suitable match for their project needs. Applicants can also choose to work with someone outside

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## Elementary students given glimpses of career paths



**Marlene Farrell**  
Correspondent

Career options were a topic of discussion for all local elementary students recently, thanks to a week of speakers and a family career night.

"We had 23 community members, including parents, come in and speak with our students at Alpine Lakes;

some also spoke at PD," said Meche Grace, counselor at Alpine Lakes Elementary (ALP). "It was so fun hearing about their different jobs, what was challenging and fun for them, and the non-linear journey each took to figure out what type of work fit them best."

One speaker, Kevin Farrell, spoke to four classes of third and fourth graders about his job as an electrical engineer for Motorola Solutions. He builds and optimizes radio networks for emergency services like police and fire. Because a network is a complex concept, he started his PowerPoint presentation with images of handheld radios and one in a police car. He

then showed a photo of a tower on a mountain, where he plans the antenna placement so that police can talk to each other on either side of the mountain.

He couldn't go deep into details given the time frame, but the students were intrigued, and many hands shot up to ask questions. When one child asked about the biggest challenge of his work, Farrell turned the question around, saying that challenge was one of the most rewarding parts of his job, keeping it interesting and leading to satisfaction when he helps find a solution. The students also learned that an engineer doesn't work alone but is actually part of a team of people,

from development and planning to installation and testing.

"It was fun, especially when students walked up to me afterward and said they liked my job the most," Farrell said. "I know there are a few students who would seek jobs in the sciences, and maybe this would help them strongly consider engineering as a career in the future."

Students practiced active listening and jotted down notes during the presentation. A couple students' takeaways included how Farrell "solves design problems," "helps police and firemen" and "uses math

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PHOTO BY KEVIN FARRELL

Third graders in the ALP library listen to Marlene Farrell speak about working as a journalist.



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At the family career night, students build with Legos with ESL teacher Flor Murguía-West at the technology job cluster station.

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# Community



## Michelle's Kitchen Table Strategies

By Michelle Priddy

### Directionally Challenged

When I was a kid, we'd head off into the woods alone. Being as I'm 'directionally challenged' the folks got me a dog figuring he'd lead me home when I got lost. I'm not smart enough to learn how to use a compass but I am smart enough to recognize my limitations. My solution is to

not stray off the beaten path far enough to get lost. Over time I venture further afield as I learn the terrain, but I have a deep commitment to my family to act responsibly. Getting lost in the woods is not responsible.

That doesn't mean it won't happen. As 'directionally challenged' as kids are I think, as parents, Grandma and Grandpa expected me to get lost, so we got a dog. Plus

Grandpa took time to coach me on how to behave if I had to spend a night in the woods. To this day my coat carries a light survival kit. It's so light any kid can carry it in their pocket. Looking ahead to those spring jaunts when a kid just has to taste the newness of the woods and imagining how cold and miserable a night in the woods in spring can be, sticking a few things in an inside pocket of an outside jacket can set a family up for success in case one of their own becomes 'directionally challenged'.

Yes, it did happen to me and the warm friendly dog I hugged all night was useless as a direction finder. Thankfully I'd paid attention to the instructions Grandpa gave for spending an unexpected night in the woods during cold spring weather.

#### Recipe for Rescue for the Directionally Challenged

NOT a complete list but enough

to think on to make a list to suit your particular needs.

- A WHISTLE of good quality, American made, preferably one the child likes to play with.
- 33-GALLON BAG in the brightest color you can get, to use as a poncho once a hole is poked in the bottom of it. Don't cut the plastic. Poking stretches the plastic without ripping it. A cut will allow the plastic to rip.
- 12x12" ALUMINUM FOIL folded to make a reflector being careful not to create sharp edges
- 2 BRIGHT COLORED COTTON NECK SCARVES or handkerchiefs can be tied together and used as a signal flag. I used to tie one around my neck and the other around my dog's neck.
- SNACK trail mix that is shelf stable, that won't spoil for an extended time. Rolled oat type granola mixed with molasses was my choice back-then.

Instructions, best coached

pre-spring setting calmly at the kitchen table:

If you should get lost, stay together with the pet or the friend you are with, hug for warmth if it's cold. Most importantly, once you realize you are lost, STAY IN ONE PLACE. To keep warm, poke a hole in the big bag with your fingers to use the bag as a poncho. This will keep out the wind chill. Pull the bag over your head so only your face is exposed if you don't have a hat.

Only eat the snack (no berries, bark, or grass). Avoid large rivers and lakes. Find a cozy waiting place; not a hiding place; make a nest to rest in. Under a tree is a good place. Once you have done this tie the bright cotton scarves together and lay them in an open space. Get out the whistle and the tinfoil. Blow the whistle, wriggle the tinfoil, and do your best to look bigger for the searchers to find you. Stay in one place. Imagine being found and rescued. We will be looking for you and we will find you.

**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.

### CHS Improvement Plan

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and high school. We talk about career and college readiness with a focus on note taking, vocabulary development, academic achievement, and more."

Other initiatives underway for reaching the first goal of the Plan include: working to "continuously improve students' proficiency on the 'Smarter Balanced English and Math' assessments" starting in third grade, and the state science assessment at applicable grade levels; working to ensure that students with "Individual Education Plans and English Learners" meet or exceed state percent proficiency on the Smarter Balanced

Assessment; providing, at CHS, Career and Technical Education Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, and industry certifications, together with other career-relevant experiences, apprenticeships, and job shadows.

In furtherance of those latter objectives, CHS and CSD have partnered with the Chelan County Fire District, the Wenatchee River Institute (WRI), Wenatchee Valley College, the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, and Upper Valley MEND, among others. "The objective is that at least 95% of Cascade graduates will experience a postsecondary opportunity while in high school."

The data provided in the Plan shows improvement from

the 2020-2021 to the 2021-2022 school year in "ninth grade on track" and postsecondary opportunities, with a small dip in the CHS graduation rate (from 91.4% to 90%). Proficiencies in English and Math across CSD are more of a mixed bag. Students in the district, on average, generally scored above the state average. Yet, while improvement in English proficiency is on a generally upward, linear path throughout CSD, from the third grade through high school, the same cannot be said for proficiencies in math, which tend to fall in a similar, albeit steeper linear pattern. (Of note, data show similar drops in math proficiencies statewide as students' progress from grades 3-12.)

Goal number two of the

Plan, in correlation with the Framework's vision of "engaging students in outdoor learning," is "to promote outdoor learning." Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, all CSD teachers were given the opportunity to receive training in, so-called, FieldSTEM, which is the incorporation of "outdoor, place-based experiences for students connected to district curriculum." This training will continue into the 2022-2023 school year. CSD is also seeking grants to create outdoor classrooms on each of its campuses.

As per the Plan, "students in every grade level will have the opportunity to participate in at least one integrated, career connected, locally relevant, field-based or project-based

learning experience in the school year. [CSD] will build outdoor classrooms at every campus, PreK - grade 12, as well as a greenhouse that will be accessible to students in grades 3-12." In addition, CSD will build and maintain community partnerships in furtherance of those goals with, among others, WRI, Cascadia Conservation District, Waste Loop, the Methow Arts Alliance (Methow Arts), Chelan County Natural Resources, Washington Department of Ecology, and MEND.

While outdoor classrooms and the greenhouse are yet to come, the Plan reports that in the 2020-2021 school year, 100% of students at PD and ALPS, and 67% of students at IRMS, had "at least one field-based or project-based learning

experience." At CHS, high school teacher Eric Bard's Natural Resources class was the only curricula available. Yet, community partnerships across the district were plentiful.

"A fun area of challenge for us is outdoor learning, because we are going to have a brand-new outdoor classroom, which we can't wait to install," announced PD Principal, Emily Ross. Ross continued: "At this level, every single teacher plans to utilize the outdoor classroom once it's installed. The teachers will make sure to sign up for this place. Until then, they go down to the future location and just use nature."

Part 2 will be continued in the Feb. 15, 2023 issue.



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# Community

## OBITUARY

### Marina Haley

**November 7, 1945 - January 27, 2023**

Marina Haley, a cherished mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, known and respected for the compassion and care she showed as a home health and hospice nurse, died Friday, January 27 after a brief illness. She was 77.

She was born Marina Gale Meyers in Bend, Oregon on November 7, 1945, to Lou and Ila Meyers. The 1964 queen of the Bend Water Pageant during high school, Marina went on to graduate from Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Portland in 1967.

After stops in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Beaverton, Oregon, Marina moved to Leavenworth in 1977 and enjoyed getting involved in the Upper Valley community. She joined a friend group that remained close until her death more than 45 years later. She served on the Leavenworth City Council for many years and started youth soccer and recreation programs in town to help keep the local kids (including her own) busy with healthy activities.

In commemoration of her years of service, "Marina Haley Field" in Enchantment Park opened in 1992 and she

threw the ceremonial first pitch. It was fortunate she wasn't on the receiving end of that pitch because she was known to close her eyes when balls came her way. Many kids, including daughter Megan and her friends, played on that field over the next 30 years.

Also in 1992, Marina built her home off Ski Hill Drive in Leavenworth, where she lived for the rest of her life. In the spring and summer, she loved to read on the deck, care for her garden, take walks at Ski Hill to look at wildflowers, and was a regular in the summer water exercise class at the Leavenworth City Pool. When the weather kept her inside, Marina enjoyed watching home improvement shows and crime dramas, spending time with family and friends, keeping up with the latest neighborhood, city, and national political happenings, and spoiling her dogs, Binky and then Cooper.

Marina retired in 2010 after decades as a home health and hospice nurse for Central Washington Hospital. She touched the lives of so many with her calm, knowledgeable and comforting approach, continuing to help



families through difficult times long after her retirement. She treasured the lifelong friendships she maintained with her nursing school classmates, co-workers, and families of her patients.

Marina is survived by her sister Gayna (Terry) Miles, son Justin (Christina) Haley, daughter Megan Haley (Chris) Nelson, daughter-in-law Stephanie Haley, and three beautiful granddaughters that she adored, Madeleine, Abby, and Kate. She was preceded in death by her father and mother. Marina was passionate about death with dignity and donations in her memory can be made to End of Life Washington (<https://endoflifewa.org>). Arrangements assisted by Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home. The family is planning a service in the spring, when her life can be celebrated with sunshine and wildflowers.

## OBITUARY

### Robert Evans Rector

**January 11, 1944 - January 21, 2023**

Robert Evans Rector was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 11, 1944. Soon after, the family moved to Richland, Washington, where he spent his childhood. After graduating from high school in 1962, he attended the University of Puget Sound, graduating with degrees in history and religious studies. He then went on to study at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Robert married Jean Wright of Denver in 1970. They had three children, Dustin, Angie, and Lisa.

His first posting after graduating from Iliff Seminary was to St. John United Methodist Church in St. John, Washington. While there, he established a senior center for the elderly of the community and organized a motorcycle club for the youth. One of the stipulations of the Saturday racers in the club was that they attend Sunday service the week before. Often those in the club were then seen all together in the pews, "paying their dues" for the next week's race.

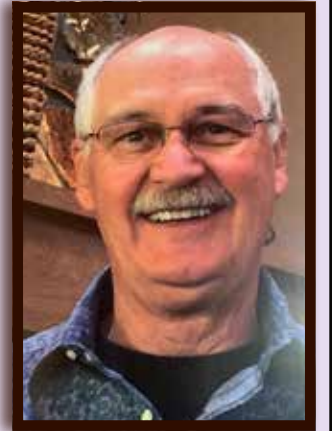
Robert was transferred to the Des Moines United Methodist Church in January 1972, and also served at the Lake Washington United Methodist Church in Kirkland from 1977 until 1985. Robert retired from the ministry in 1985 to take over the family business, Western Sintering, in Richland, WA, where he worked and remained as Chairman of the

board until his death. During his later years in Richland, Robert became Secretary of the Ben Franklin Village Association. One of their projects was building a retirement community in Kennewick called Canyon Lakes, the first of its kind in the area.

Robert married Judy Person in 2003 and together they enjoyed 20 years traveling, building their Leavenworth home, enjoying friends, and experiencing retired life. Robert's favorite past-times included bird hunting (even the wild turkeys in the back yard!), deer hunting, hiking, and camping in Glacier Peak wilderness, writing, traveling and flying his powered parachute.

One of Robert's many fine qualities was his generosity of spirit. He was very concerned that everyone has an opportunity to improve themselves.

To that end he gifted some of his employees down payments on their homes and paid for the university educations of others. He also gifted three of his children with the home equity needed so they could have homes of their choice. Supporting education was important to Robert, sponsoring a Jordanian student while she received her master's degree here at Seattle U, a Haitian student while experiencing a summer medical experience at Cascade Medical, and paying for the education and support of four Haitian students in Haiti. He always said he had



everything he needed, and he was eager to help others along their chosen path.

Robert Evans Rector died on January 21, 2023, after a 6-week battle with aggressive pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife Judy, and his children, Dustin Aaron Rector (from Redmond), Angie Maureen Merlot (from Richland), Lisa Lorette Thomas (from Orofino, ID), and Judy's children Dr. Kira Brooke Mauseth (from Mukilteo) and Dr. Kathryn Rice Ilgen (from Sheridan, WY). He has ten grandchildren whom he always lovingly called "Yours, mine and ours." They are Chess, Britton, Max, Logan, Loni, Lola, Tiare, Emmy, Tanner, and Rylan. Heritage Memorial is in charge of all arrangements. Robert's Life Celebration will be held on April 15 at Mountain View Cemetery graveside and Community United Methodist Church. If you wish to honor Robert's life with a gift, please donate to the American Cancer Society or the United Methodist Church Backpack program which feeds hungry kids on weekends.

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# Horticulture 2023

Wrap Up

## Technological advances in agriculture focus of 76th annual hort meeting in Chelan

By MATTHEW OCKINGA  
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CHELAN - Fruit is the beating heart of agriculture in North Central Washington. Be it apples, pears or cherries, people both local, domestic and abroad enjoy the fresh fruit that this region, with its fertile soil, offers each harvest. Far fewer people likely appreciate or understand what it takes to keep that produce healthy and tasty.

Those topics and more were on the agenda at the 76th annual Lake Chelan Horticultural Meeting held Jan. 21 at Chelan High School. Several dozen local farmers and orchardists attended the event to ask questions and learn more about how to maximize their crops.

The Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center, a branch of Washington State University, hosted the event. Tianna DuPont, Tree Fruit Extension Specialist, emceed the gathering. For the 76th edition of the meet-

ing, she wanted to focus on technological advances in the field.

"The Lake Chelan Horticultural Meeting is designed to provide orchardists with research based information to improve their productivity and profitability," she said. "This year we focused on technology and labor efficiency to help our producers keep up with a rapidly changing industry."

DuPont first spoke about replant considerations. Among the threats she mentioned were rodents, replant disease, phytophthora (a pathogen), and nematodes, a species of roundworm. She followed that on a talk which mentioned X-disease and Little Cherry Virus. She mentioned some of the symptoms of the latter virus included small fruit, discoloration, bitterness and tastelessness. As far as how to specifically help the orchardists, DuPont discussed how to take cherry samples that can be sent into the research center. She also



Representatives from North Wind Aviation visit with an attendee during the 76th annual Lake Chelan Horticulture meeting held Jan. 21 at Chelan High School.

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mentioned the dangers of winter injury and sunburn, adding that Honey Crisp apples were particularly susceptible to that.

Betsy Beers, of WSU entomology, then gave a pre-

sentation entitled "From Campylo to Cut Worms- Strategies for Pests from 2022." She mentioned that campylo were "basically unheard of before 1995, then all of a sudden, these started

to crop up all over the basin in particular and down in Oregon." The apple variety they target the most is the Golden Delicious.

Beers added that another recent scourge in orchards

is the Lacanobia Fruitworm produces two generations in a year: a leaf feeder and a fruit feeder. Beers said the key to killing the bugs was to get to them early.

"It's easier to kill the little ones than it is the big ones," she said.

Other species that Beers warned orchardists to look out for were the speckled green fruitworm, the spotted cutworm, the green fruitworm and the pyramid fruitworm.

Dr. Robert Orpet, of WSU entomology, spoke about integrated pest management and how it works for pear psylla, which he mentioned is the number one pest in Washington. Symptoms of this bug include sticky leaves and fruit. Orpet talked about the studies of his team and gave recommendations for mite management in early spring, summer and fall management.

Following Orpet was Tory Schmidt of the Washing-

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## Rep. Schrier introduces Bipartisan Bill to support Washington farmers, advance crop research

SUBMITTED BY LIBBY CARLSON,  
OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN  
KIM SCHRIER

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S Representative Kim Schrier, M.D. (WA-08) has introduced bipartisan legislation to permanently fix the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) and provide crucial support for

Washington farmers.

The SCRI finances research projects that directly benefit Washington farmers. SCRI has funded projects to combat fungicide resistance in wine grapes, prevent pestilence in onions, and improve precision irrigation for fruit growers. Before 2019, the Secretary of Agriculture was able to waive

SCRI's matching funds requirement when it was prohibitively expensive for research institutions, but the 2018 Farm Bill eliminated this authority.

Congresswoman Schrier's bill permanently fixes this issue by once again allowing the Secretary of Agriculture to waive the matching requirement. Pre-

vious legislation introduced by Rep. Schrier in 2019 attempted to find a long-term solution. Rep. Schrier has also co-lead a bipartisan funding letter with Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Rick Larsen to fix this issue on a temporary basis in annual appropriations legislation.

"Washington farmers work tirelessly to provide our state and the entire world with high-quality produce. At a time when changes in the climate and economy have taken their toll on the agriculture industry, it is vital that we stand by our farmers and support them in any way we can," said Rep.

Schrier.

"This bill will allow Washington State University and other agriculture research institutions, who would



Courtesy photo  
Rep. Kim Schrier

have otherwise been unable to afford the matching requirement, to receive federal support for conducting groundbreaking research. I will work to get this legislation added as part of this year's Farm Bill."

Representatives Rick Larsen (WA-02), Dan Newhouse (WA-04), and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) joined Congresswoman Schrier in introducing this bill. The bill is endorsed by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), Northwest Horticultural Council, and US Apple Association.

"The Specialty Crop Research Initiative is critical in enabling Central Washington farmers to supply the world with cherries, apples, wine, hops and many other specialty crops," said Rep. Newhouse. "Universities and commodity groups representing Washington agriculture are eager to pursue world-class specialty crop research that provides our farmers with a competitive edge, but provisions left out of the 2018 Farm Bill left SCRI recipients at a disadvantage. I am proud to work as a Member of the Appropriations Committee to include this language to give certainty to these institutions as they compete for federal grant funding and continue their groundbreaking research at facilities throughout Washington and the United States."

"Research into specialty crops like berries, spinach and cabbage seed is vital to Northwest Washington's economy," said Rep. Larsen. "Investing in the Specialty Crop Research Initiative helps enable specialty

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# Harvest bounces back from 2021 in Okanogan wheat belt

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

MANSFIELD – The 2022 wheat harvest was double that of a drought-plagued 2021 making it about average with other good years but what lies ahead for 2023 could be affected by the early snow that arrived last November.

That is part of what Highline Grain Growers (HLGG) Chief Executive Officer Paul Katovich had to say about the year just past for the Okanogan County wheat belt comprised of a hand-

ful of multi-generation wheat ranchers on the 1.4-million-acre Colville Indian Reservation.

“The rain we had came at just the right time last June to give the wheat crop the boost it needed,” Katovich said of the welcome interlude in the dry conditions.

Getting the bounty to the Brewster elevator incurred a minor hiccup when trailer



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**Paul Katovich,**  
HighLine  
Grain Growers  
CEO

loads of grain had to suspend deliveries for a day to allow railroad cars to catch up to the full silos and create more storage space. With the next nearest elevator some 30 miles south at Mansfield, Brewster is the delivery hub for Okanogan County producers. Considering the logistics issues faced by carriers on both land and sea in the

wake of the COVID pandemic, the delay experienced by local wheat farmers was minor by comparison.

What lies ahead for the 2023 crop is still early to predict except for the winter snows that arrived a month earlier than usual. That has both an upside and downside. Katovich said that on the upside the ground was not yet frozen when the early November snow fell which should promote better absorption into the soil and less runoff when it melts. The downside is

the longer time the snow covers the crop.

“Wheat does not like to be buried under snow for an extended period,” said Katovich. “After about 100 days the potential for snow mold increases.”

Katovich said mold-resistant strains of grain have been developed to counter the damage but does not eliminate the problem. The fungus destroys leaves and crown beneath the snow and can substantially reduce yields.

HLGG was formed in 2018

as a collaboration of five grain companies for the benefit of its members and maintains a system of grain and seed handling warehouses in eight counties across Eastern Washington along the Highway 2 corridor from Wenatchee to Spokane.

As Katovich likes to remind inquirers about the HLGG motto for those who follow:

“It’s not ours, it’s just our turn.”

To learn more about HLGG visit their website at [highline-grain.com](http://highline-grain.com).

# USDA announces signup for 2023 assistance for on-farm food safety expenses for specialty crop growers

SUBMITTED BY USDA

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds specialty crop producers of available assistance to help cover certain costs of complying with regulatory and market-driven food safety certification requirements. Applications for the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) program for eligible 2022 costs were due by Jan. 31, 2023. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications for 2023 costs from Feb. 1, 2023, to Jan. 31, 2024.

FSA is making available up to \$200 million through the FSCSC program, which is part of USDA's broader effort to transform the food system to create a more level playing field for small-scale agricultural operations and a more balanced, equitable economy for everyone working in food and agriculture.

USDA first announced and opened this program for signup in 2022, delivering critical assistance for specialty crop operations, with an emphasis on equity in program delivery while building on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain disruptions.

“Specialty crops growers experienced many challenges meeting regulatory requirements and accessing additional markets due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “Many of these producers had to pivot quickly as demand shifted away from traditional markets, like restaurants and food service, and many continue to feel the impacts of those abrupt changes. By helping mitigate the costs of on-farm food safety certification, the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops program will help create new markets and opportunities for

small-scale producers. In turn, these producers will have another tool to leverage as they work to become more nimble and more resilient in the face of unforeseen challenges, serve their local and regional economies, and support fairer and more transparent markets.

### Program Details

FSCSC assists specialty crop operations that incurred eligible on-farm food safety certification and expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification in calendar years 2022 and 2023 for certifications issued on or after June 21, 2022. For each year, FSCSC covers a percentage of the specialty crop operation's eligible costs of obtaining or renewing their certification, as well as a portion of their related expenses.

To be eligible for FSCSC, the applicant must:

- Be a specialty crop operation.

- Meet the definition of a small business or very small business.

- Have paid eligible expenses related to certification.

Specialty crop operations may receive assistance for the following costs:

- Developing a food safety plan for first-time food safety certification.
- Maintaining or updating an existing food safety plan.
- Food safety certification.
- Certification upload fees.
- Microbiological testing for products, soil amendments and water.

### Training

FSA calculates FSCSC payments for each category of eligible costs. FSA set a higher payment rate for underserved farmers and ranchers, which includes socially disadvantaged, limited resource, beginning and veteran producers who have a CCC-860 on file with FSA.

FSA will issue payments at the time of application approval for 2022 and after the application period ends for 2023. The 2023 application period opens Feb. 1, 2023, and closes Jan. 31, 2024. If calculated payments exceed the amount of available funding, payments will be prorated.

### Applying for Assistance

Interested specialty crop producers can apply by completing the application, FSA-888. The application, along with other required documents, can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. Producers can visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-locator) to find their local FSA office. Specialty crop producers can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to assist.

Producers can visit [farmers.gov/food-safety](http://farmers.gov/food-safety) for additional program details, eligibility information and forms needed to apply.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [usda.gov](http://usda.gov).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Events Calendar**  
See the WSU Viticulture and Enology calendar for more upcoming events: <https://wine.wsu.edu/events/>
- February 6-9: WineVit 2023, Kennewick
  - February 14-15: Oregon Wine Symposium, Portland, Oregon
  - February 22-23: Washington Wine Research Advisory Committee Research Review, Prosser

- February 27-28: Idaho Wine Commission Annual Meeting, Nampa, Idaho
- Fire Blight Webinar Series**  
Biopesticides for Fire Blight Management  
March 15, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)
- Fire Blight Pruning and Sanitation**  
June 13, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)

- (EST) New trials on pruning and sanitation for Fire Blight management. Using Weather and Environmental Conditions to Optimize Biologicals and Biopesticides for Bloom Protection  
October 18, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)  
Join us to talk about how to use weather and environmental data to optimize timings of biologicals and biopesticide applications for an

- effective Fire Blight control.  
**Fire Blight Fruit School: New research from our National Team**  
February 23, at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (PST) Wenatchee and Online  
March 1, at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (EST) Traverse City, Michigan and Online  
Topics:  
Introduction to the Pathogen  
Bloom Infection Prevention with Antibiotics: The Basics

- Antibiotic Resistance Biopesticide Efficacy Using Prohexodine Calcium and Actigard for Shoot Blight Management  
Managing Fire Blight Infections: Pruning, Sanitation Using Systemic Acquired Resistance Products Therapeutics During Removal  
Credits (with agency approval)  
February 23, (WA): Three pesticide update credits WA, OR, CA.

- March 1, 2023 (MI): Three pesticide update credits MI, NY  
More Information and Registration February 23, (WA): <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/fire-blight-workshop/>  
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crop farmers in my district to foster innovation and drive the regional economy.”

In addition to fellow members of Congress, many stakeholders from the community have voiced their support for Rep. Schrier's bill.

“Ensuring that this simple yet impactful solution is included in the next reauthorization of the Farm Bill will

help Washington State University continue to provide world class research in support of the \$9 billion Washington agriculture economy,” said Wendy Powers, Dean of the College of Agricultural Human and Natural Resource Sciences. “WSU is grateful to Congresswoman Schrier for her ongoing work supporting Washington agriculture.”

Mark Powers, President of the Northwest Horticultural Council, noted “in part, the

Specialty Crop Research Initiative is successful because of the engagement with the agricultural community that occurs during the consideration of research proposals, so that only projects that are relevant to growers are funded. The ability of the USDA secretary to waive the 100 percent match requirement is critical to making sure that the projects that are actually the highest priority to growers continue to

be awarded taxpayer dollars. The Northwest Horticultural Council thanks Representative Schrier for her leadership in advocating to ensure that the Specialty Crop Research Initiative continues to fund the projects that provide the biggest benefit to growers.”

“Mother nature is not always kind, and apple orchards are under constant attack from insects and diseases. Growers need up-to-date research to keep up. SCRI projects are

critical tools in developing targeted responses,” said US Apple Association President and CEO Jim Bair. “We thank Representatives Schrier and Newhouse for taking the lead in this bipartisan effort to ensure SCRI operates at maximum efficiency.”

The following members have signed on as original cosponsors: Rep. Bergman (MI-1), Rep. Bonamici (OR-1), Rep. Brownley (CA-26), Rep. Carbajal (CA-24), Rep.

Costa (CA-21), Rep. DelBene (WA-1), Rep. Harder (CA-9), Rep. Huizenga (MI-4), Rep. Khanna (CA-17), Rep. Kilmer (WA-6), Rep. Larsen (WA-2), Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-12), Rep. McMorris Rodgers (WA-5), Rep. Moolenaar (MI-2), Rep. Newhouse (WA-4), Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez (WA-3), Rep. Ryan (NY-18), Rep. Slotkin (MI-7), Rep. Stefanik (NY-21), Rep. Takano (CA-39), and Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-4).

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ton State Tree Fruit Research Commission. He gave a presentation entitled “Bi-annual Bearing 101.” Bi-annual bearing refers to trees that have irregular crop loads from season to season. When the branches have excess weight, it causes them to break. Schmidt, who has a pear orchard himself in Dryden, said he noticed on the drive to Chelan trees like his that have leaves that didn't fall off. He said that this is bad since orchardists want those new buds to become flowers for the next season. He discussed the purpose of alterations as having a balance between roots, fruits and

shoots. After lunch which was provided by Future Farmers of America, Rob Curtis, of WSU entomology, gave a pre-recorded talk about codling moth management. After Curtis' talk, the focus of the meeting shifted to labor efficiency and technology for increased profitability in the final three presentations. Lav Knot, of WSU Biological Systems engineering, spoke about tools to monitor crop water use. This included ground and aerial systems imager and ground truthing, which involves direct observation or measurement of the soil. Closing the meeting were Bernardita Sallato and Karen Lewis, both of WSU extension. Sallato spoke about soil

mapping and testing methods while Lewis presented on de-leafers for high color fruit. Also throughout the day, different companies providing services for farmers and orchardists sat at booths in the Chelan High School commons to offer help and consultation. DuPont mentioned how vital the orchard industry is to the region. Events like the Lake Chelan Horticulture Meeting are vital in providing quality produce for others to enjoy. “Orchardists provide healthy food for our communities,” DuPont said. “Orchardists rely on new information for their pest management and horticulture to be profitable and productive.”



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A representative from ProLine Products, a New Zealand-based company which makes equipment for orchardists including protective netting, and net applicator machinery, discusses a product at the Lake Chelan Horticulture Meeting on Jan. 21.

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# Mountain Meadows receives 2023 Customer Experience Award from Pinnacle Quality Insight for the sixth year running



Mountain Meadows Assisted Living Campus

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**Leavenworth** - On January 25, 2023, Mountain Meadows announced that Pinnacle Quality Insight presented them with a 2023 Customer Experience Award, with honors in Personal Care, Quality of Food, Dining Service, Cleanliness, Response to Problems, Dignity and Respect, Communication, Activities, Move-in Process, and Safety and Security. Qualifying for the Pinnacle Customer Experience Award means that Mountain Meadows has placed in the top 15% of care providers nationwide across a 12-month average. "To receive this award for a sixth-year running is an honor," said Nate Oglesby, Mountain Meadows Executive Director.

"Our team works tirelessly to ensure our residents receive the very best care and service. I am immensely proud of what they have achieved and look forward to seeing the continuous improvement of which I know we are capable." Throughout 2022, Mountain Meadows residents and their families participated in monthly telephone interviews where they answered open-ended questions and rated Mountain Meadows in multiple categories.

**About Pinnacle Quality Insight** A customer satisfaction measurement firm with 26 years of experience in senior care and senior living,

Pinnacle conducts over 150,000 phone surveys each year, working with over 2,500 care providers in all 50 US states, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

**About Mountain Meadows** Mountain Meadows is a not-for-profit senior living community in Leavenworth specializing in independent living, assisted living and memory care. Our holistic approach to personal care encompasses the social, emotional, mental, and physical engagement of our residents, all while providing the very best personal care and nutrition. To find out more, visit [www.mountainmeadowsliving.org](http://www.mountainmeadowsliving.org)



Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus Announces

## 2022 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR Iris Gonzales-Acevedo

Iris Gonzales-Acevedo has been chosen as the Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus 2022 Employee of the Year. She was chosen by popular vote from the residents, staff, and family members from among the 2022 Employee of the Quarter candidates. Those vying for the title were Jill Centeno, Iris Gonzales-Acevedo, Kat Woodward, and Jeff Stroup.

Iris has been employed for nearly 4 years as a personal caregiver and works full-time on the Memory Care unit and fills in when needed in assisted living. Not only is she an excellent caregiver, but she is also considered a great mentor of new employees, assuring that the needs of both residents and co-workers are consistently met. Iris's continued commitment to quality care is highly valued by the Mountain Meadows team, residents and family members.

The Board, Staff, and Residents of Mountain Meadows ask you to join them in thanking Iris Gonzales-Acevedo for her service and congratulating her on this special recognition!



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# Glazing Days at the Sleeping Lady's Woodpecker Room



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The Totman family getting ready to paint their bowls.

Upper Valley Empty Bowls recently hosted the 2023 Glazing Days at the Sleeping Lady's Woodpecker Room. Community members flocked to the event, using their creative skills to paint over 600 bowls. Nineteen

artists were inspired to create nineteen amazing Artists bowls and platters for the 2023 online Artist Bowl auction. And a small army of volunteers presided over the event, encouraging, cleaning, and making

everything run smoothly and successfully. THANK YOU, Upper Valley, for your participation in the first UV Empty Bowls event of 2023. Next up: UV Empty Bowls Artist Showcase and Gala on March 5.

# Cascade falls to Cashmere on Senior Night



PHOTO BY JUSTIN PARDINI  
#12 Kaston Dillon goes up for the huge swat



Justin Pardini  
Reporter

Cashmere (6-12) traveled to Leavenworth and faced Cascade (2-14-1) for their senior night on January 31. With a

packed gymnasium, the two teams were set to engage in a tough matchup. Both teams opened up with physicality, staying relatively close for the first quarter. There was high tension as both of the boisterous student sections roared following each made basket. #12 Kaston Dillon was dominating the glass, snatching rebounds, and changing shots from Cashmere. The Bulldogs went on a run going into halftime, leading 33-23 at the

break. The second half was highly energetic and full of grit. Cascade came out with high intensity, responding with a run of their own to end the third quarter. The final quarter was back and forth, trading buckets and getting fouls called on both sides. #2 Cascade guard Jonas Johnson was on fire from beyond the arc towards the end but wasn't enough to secure a victory for the Kodiaks. Cascade was defeated with a final score of 69-63.

## Career paths

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and science" in his work.

The speakers, through sharing their day-to-day work as well as their passion, allowed students to see career paths, whether PT, entrepreneur, journalist, or rocket scientist, as, more possible for themselves.

"Hearing from students and teachers about the impact that the lessons and community career speakers had is really validating," said Grace. "Teachers have told me anecdotes of students talking amongst themselves about which speaker had the job they'd want, how cool it was

seeing the inside of the EMS rig or watching a NASA launch video, and talking about the 'problem they want to solve' in the future instead of the older iteration of, 'what do you want to be?'"

In addition to the classroom speakers, Grace and her counseling colleague at PD, Jennifer Schmidt, organized a family career night. When families arrived at PD, the student could fill out a short survey to start to voice what could be their dream job and to connect it to what they're learning in school. Then they were set loose to explore stations arranged by six career clusters: technical, medical, human resource, communication, business or

agriculture-based jobs.

At each station there was an activity, run by high school volunteers, such as planting seeds, building with Legos, drawing or writing on a journal page or doing some money math problems.

"Jennifer and I had fun interacting with our students and their families while they learned about jobs in different career clusters in Spanish and English," explained Grace. "The families were able to eat a taco bar dinner provided by CSD Food Services [and paid for with a grant]. The Wenatchee Valley Community College CAMP program came to explain their programs and both the NCW Libraries and Alpine-PD PTO were represented too!"

"These efforts fit right into our district-wide AVID program," said ALP principal Kenny Renner-Singer. "One of the key pieces of AVID is creating a future focused, career and college readiness culture throughout the district. Having students link current learning to future goals helps them to see a path forward, beyond high school.

"The counselors did an amazing job of organizing the speakers and the career/college night. Without their work, these opportunities for student would not have happened."

Grace added, "The earlier we have conversations with kids about the future—goal-setting, workplace expectations, connecting what they are learning in class with their life after high school—the better."



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5. Pilgrimage to Mecca
8. Well, to Sofia Loren
12. Impose a tax
14. Malicious burning
15. \_\_\_ over
16. Radiant light
17. Ran easily
18. "The King of Staten Island" star Pete
20. Goyim, alt. sp.
21. Mork from Ork, e.g.
22. Common furniture wood
23. "Der Ring des Nibelungen" composer
26. Petroleum product (2 words)
30. Shakespearean fuss
31. Loan shark
34. Village People hit
35. City in France
37. Street, in Paris
38. Show in progress (2 words)
39. Tiny purse
40. Was almost out of gas, e.g. (2 words)
42. \*First H in HRH
43. Type of bag
45. Unguarded
47. Brick and mortar carrier
48. Resize a dress, e.g.
50. "For \_\_\_ the Bell Tolls"
52. \*Netflix royal drama (2 words)
55. Bridal veil fabric
56. One who hoes
57. Not far
59. Orderly arrangement
60. Drunkard, slangily
61. Stare
62. Country club pegs
63. Drivers' licenses, e.g.
64. \*2019 movie "Queen & \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

1. Not Moose or Shriner
3. Iris holder
4. Forest spirit
5. Gingerbread sculpture
6. Kitchen garb
7. \*Billie \_\_\_ King
8. \*Queens neighbor
9. ESPN trophy
10. Denials
11. December 31st, e.g.
13. Lowest points
14. Plural of alga
19. Intestinal obstruction
22. Opposite of their
24. \*Prince Charles' domain
24. Temples' innermost sanctuaries
25. Not stay in (2 words)
26. Perceive by touch
27. \*The NBA's Kansas City-\_\_\_ Kings (1972-75)
28. More unfriendly
29. \*Late "Live" King of CNN
32. Russia's mountain range
33. Seek a seat
36. \*The last "king" of Russia
38. Proprietor
40. \*The \_\_\_ Queen, regal chess character in "Through the Looking Glass"
41. Public disapproval
44. Cozy and comfortable
46. Two of these do not make a right
48. Near the wind
49. Potato soup partner, pl.
50. \*She \_\_\_ a Yellow Ribbon"
51. Add to payroll
52. Native of Thailand
53. Lash mark
54. Member of National Socialist German Workers' Party
55. Gating pot
58. "Shiny Happy People" band

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# The Washington Outdoors Report

## Sportsmen's Show Fun

By JOHN KRUSE

I've had the opportunity to attend two sportsmen's shows in recent days. The first was the Tri-Cities Sportsmen's Show at the Hapo Center in Pasco, a great little show I visited at the end of January. The first week of February was spent at the Washington Sportsmen's Show at the fairgrounds in Puyallup; Washington State's largest sportsmen's show.

At both shows it was nice to see both exhibitors and the crowds coming back now that covid pandemic restrictions are in the rear-view mirror. These shows also bring the great outdoors indoors for fishing, hunting and outdoors enthusiasts looking for something to do in the middle of winter.

There are a number of great reasons to attend these shows. One reason is to learn.

Sportsmen's shows always feature seminars from experts talking about specific fishing techniques for different species or hunting tactics for everything from big game to turkey to waterfowl. Learning to use marine electronics is another seminar topic as are survival skills.

Most of these seminar speakers have booths at the shows. Some are selling gear ranging from fire starters to game calls to fishing rods or lures. Others are guides and

outfitters booking spring and summer trips for saltwater salmon, freshwater steelhead, bass, walleye, or trout.

On the hunting front you can book hunts not only deer, elk, and bear in the Western U.S., but also hunts in British Columbia, Alaska or overseas where you can go on an African safari to either hunt and harvest an animal or just capture photos with your camera.

I have noticed show goers have been in a buying mood this year. There are a whole bunch of attendees walking around with newly purchased fishing rods in their hands and there are some high-ticket items for sale too. That includes sport fishing boats suitable for freshwater lakes or Puget Sound, RV trailers and a new, expanding category, overlanding vehicles with pop up tents or campers designed to travel rough four-wheel drive roads or trails on our expansive public lands where your campsite is literally wherever you choose to stop for the night.

If you want to travel to an outdoorsy destination, you have plenty of places to choose from ranging from Alaskan fishing lodges to family run resorts in Washington, single or multi-day river rafting trips in Idaho, or adventures in Mexico on the Baja peninsula.

Sportsmen's shows are great events for families to attend

PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE.

Meeting new people and raptors at the Washington Sportsmen's Show



too. Trout ponds are staples at sportsmen's shows, allowing young kids the chance to reel in hatchery raised rainbow trout. Show producers often have a "passport" for kids to fill out at different exhibitor booths featuring items or activities of interest to young children. Family friendly activities you often find at sportsmen's shows include archery ranges, air rifle ranges, or a chance to mine for treasure, a popular attraction at the Spokane Bighorn Show.

Then there are the main attractions. Every show producer has one or more. This year at the Washington Sportsmen's Show it was the Paul Bunyon Lumberjack Show featuring axe throwing, wood cutting and log rolling lumberjacks who put on an entertaining show for audiences. At the Tri-Cities show the feature attraction was Tag the Grizzly Bear who

has appeared in countless movies, commercials and television shows during his life. If you haven't had a chance to go to a sportsmen's show yet this winter you still have some options to include: The Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show at the Expo Center in Portland - February 14 - 18, which is the second largest sportsmen's show in the nation. [www.thesportshows.com](http://www.thesportshows.com). The Central Washington Sportsmen's show, under new ownership - at the Sun Dome in Yakima is February 24 - 26, [www.jlmproductionsllc.com](http://www.jlmproductionsllc.com). The Inland Northwest Wildlife Council's Bighorn Outdoor Adventure Show - at the Interstate Fairgrounds in Spokane, is March 16 - 19 [www.inwc.org](http://www.inwc.org).

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# The Elephant Whistle

By RHONA BARON

The weight of representing our community can be challenging for the City Council. When it comes to our residential zones, streets, alleys, structures and services, motions passed have been at odds with the will of the people. Why? This week The Whistle calls it. City Hall is not comfortable acknowledging elephants that roam their rooms, crushing the life out of what should be collaboration with voters. We often inform readers by presenting the details. No magnifying glass is needed for what follows. Here come the elephants!

A large pachyderm invaded the last Council meeting on January 24 in a joint session with the Planning Commission. Council persons Waters, Reister and Strand spoke in favor of a temporary moratorium on B and B licensing. They are concerned about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) being taken from the local rental market and converted to "shadow short term rentals." The resulting bugle came from PC chair Steven Booher when he declared, "Talking about a moratorium is insane to me!" Strong language from someone whose designated role is to "recommend" to our elected officials. Oh, whoops. Search B and B online at the City's website and find

that Mr. Booher's designs for ADU's pop up for sale. You'd have to be Dumbo not to question conflict of interest. This community is polite. Maybe too polite to mention the large elephant flattening our so called Community Engagement Nights held quarterly at the Festhalle. Citizens are grumbling to the Whistle Team, wondering about the "engagement" part. Where is the open mic? Why doesn't the community get a choice in what they'd like to talk and learn about? How come there is no real gathering time where folks can exchange ideas and have questions answered? People are leaving Community Engagement Nights feeling like they've been taken on Safari, but missed the animals they wanted to see. And did you see the large elephant that announced the plans for the Chumstick/Leavenworth Meadows development for up to 600 people, or the Alpenglow development up Ski Hill Drive? No? Maybe that's because plans for substantial changes in population, traffic and the subsequent need for infrastructure are hidden in tiny notices in the Echo, or buried as signage under banks of snow. Lack of transparency hides some big elephants. Does Development Services hope that if we just grab the tail or the ear or whatever, we won't understand how massive these changes are

going to be?

The biggest circus we've spotted consists of trick elephants riding roughshod over the community's concerns about affordable housing. The Mayor is ringmaster, ignoring the majority of citizens who have taken the time to comment and run the numbers on density and affordability in the Leavenworth market. Meanwhile, we've watched code changes enable more density on our streets. We've spoken out against tall, multiple unit "infill" in historic neighborhoods, citing valid concerns about whether density comes remotely close to helping make Leavenworth more affordable, even if part of a "bigger strategy."

The Whistle suggests the mayor and council employ their voter-given leadership. If City Hall is serious, stop monkeying around. All new developments should be encouraged to provide a set (or proportional) number of affordable housing units. The City should grant the increased densities allowed under the new code provisions, and any future code provisions, SOLELY as incentives for, and conditioned upon, the provision of affordable housing. Many Washington jurisdictions have adopted such an approach.

Don't let the circus distract us from more powerful solutions.



While The Whistle helps you sort through a jungle of codes, changes, and decisions, we never take residents for granted. Citizen actions (or inactions) set the tone for our community. To that end, you'll find our ongoing "Whistlelist" for citizen engagement at [LWhistle.com](http://LWhistle.com).

This week, there is one new item. We'd simply like you to ask yourself: "What elephant is sitting on my chest, causing me to feel uneasy voicing my own perceptions?" This personal question can cut many ways and we wish you well. However, if you feel it's hopeless to speak up as a voice in our community, we suggest you send that particular pachyderm packing!

Visit us often at [LWhistle.com](http://LWhistle.com) to learn more, be in touch and contact us. There is a new poll on the front page of the online version of the Echo, way down at the bottom.

How do you feel about the Chumstick Roundabout? Take our super simple poll. Be seen and see where others stand on community topics.

We appreciate you staying in touch with our team. Just keep whistling. We'll hear you.

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