



## YEAR IN REVIEW

### Part One

#### January 2022

##### Simply Found Boutique's HVAC System Catches Fire

By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

When owner Carlos Bernal got an urgent call from his manager, he could sense that things might be hectic at his Pavz Tacos restaurant on Front St. in Leavenworth. But on Tuesday evening around 5 p.m., he did not expect the smell of burning plastic and smoke billowing into his establishment. After searching all over Pavz, both the restaurant crew and firefighters discovered that the cause of the smoke was due to their neighbor business, Simply Found Boutique's HVAC system catching fire.

##### Vail Resort Accused of Violating the WA Consumer Protection Act

By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

The once cozy and treasured gem of Stevens Pass has recently caught controversy after multiple patrons accuse Vail Resorts of violating the Washington Consumer Protection Act. The resort has been accused of severe mismanagement of their ski area, underpaying their employees and for not refunding a portion of the Epic Pass after multiple trail closures.

In 2018, Vail Resorts acquired Stevens Pass for \$64 mil. Since then, the corporate atmosphere that they bought has left a sour taste in people's mouths. In protest to these claims, unsatisfied patrons of Stevens Pass Resort have signed a petition called "Hold Vail Resorts Accountable" on Change.org. It was published on Dec. 28 and has already surpassed its 15k signature goal.

##### Single-use utensils no longer automatically given after Jan. 1, 2022

By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

Hospitality sectors all over Washington State will automatically stop serving customers single-use utensils after Jan. 1, 2022.

##### Mayor Carl J. Florea's Monthly Salary Increase

By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

On Dec. 14, the City Council approved Ordinance 1643, which was a proposed rate increase from the mayor's current \$1,500 per month to \$2,000 per month. The ordinance was discussed during the council's public hearing for the Biennial Budget Modification. From the Dec. 14 Council Packet: "Mayor Florea also wants the Council to be aware that this action is independent of his commitment to spend a significant amount of time serving as Mayor and will not impact what the job description of the new Administrative Services Director will be."

##### Chelan County Commissioners declare State of Emergency

By: JILL M. FITZSIMMONS

In response to the winter storm that brought record-breaking amounts of snow Thursday across the county, a state of emergency has been declared in Chelan County.

##### Chelan Fruit Cooperative acquired by International Farming Corporation

By: KAYLEE SIMMONS  
Chelan Fruit

**CHELAN** - Chelan Fruit Cooperative ("Chelan Fruit"), a premier Washington-based grower, packer and shipper of apples, cherries, and pears, has been acquired by International Farming Corporation ("IFC"), an

institutional asset manager connecting investors at the nexus of farmland, farmers and food.

#### February 2022

##### Housing Authority Purchases Bavarian Village Apartments in Leavenworth

Submitted by ALICIA McRAE

The Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee (CCWHA) and the Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing (ORFH) in January announced the purchase of Bavarian Village Apartments, a 24-unit affordable housing community in Leavenworth, Washington.

##### Long-time Upper Valley MEND Volunteer Steps Down

Submitted by PAMELA NELLE

We wanted to say a warm thank you to our long-time volunteer, Susan Riggs, as she steps back from her volunteer role. Susan has been volunteering for Upper Valley MEND since we started the organization in the basement of the Methodist Church in 1988, when she was the librarian at the Leavenworth Public Library. "It was a joy to be part of Upper Valley MEND. It was a blessing to be able to work with them," Riggs said. She has been a part of this community since her family moved here during the Great Depression and has seen an incredible amount of change in our beautiful town over the years.

##### Nutcracker Museum Earns Guinness Book of World Records Certificate

By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

2022 started off with a surprise for Ms. Arlene Wagner who soon learned that the Nutcracker Museum had officially held the largest collection of nutcrackers in the world. In September of 2021, the Guinness World Records committee and Ms. Wagner counted all 9,103 nutcracking devices three times to be official.

##### Staffing Shortage, Through the Eyes of a Worker

By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

After roughly 925k+ US residents died from COVID-19, many workers are feeling that work is unsafe, while others have been able to draw from unemployment and pay bills, Chelan County employers and employees alike have been trying with little success to keep up with their usual pace. For the past six months, almost every sector and industry has been feeling the effects of the pandemic. Many working-class people have communicated some concerns that they have with working.

#### March 2022

##### Sharon Waters Named 2022 Royal Lady

By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

Sharon Waters wears many hats in this community. Whether it be as a City Councilmember, a board member on multiple community committees and coalitions, a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Now she will wear the official title of Leavenworth's 2022 Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves. "Leavenworth is an amazing place to live. With its breathtaking view of the mountains and the energy of Mother Nature's ever changing seasons, not many places can compare."

##### Cascade Says Farewell to beloved Principal Daley

Submitted by PAIGE NUNALLY

After thirty-six years of considering Leavenworth home and twenty-seven



PHOTO BY CAROL FORHAN

**January 12** Looking down 14th Street on Friday, snow blocking street, sidewalk, and doors.



PHOTO BY HEIDI SWOBODA PHOTOGRAPHY

**March 2** Sharon Waters Chosen as 2022 Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL

**February 16** Nutcracker Museum Founder Arlene Wagner stands with a 6-foot-mascot Karl as she holds the GWR certificate.



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL

**May 11** Adventure Park's Alpine Rollercoaster gains traction

years of serving the Cascade School District community as a dedicated educator, Elia Ala'ilima-Daley is moving on to become the Executive Director of Secondary Education in the Olympia School District. Recent additions to the Cascade District know Daley as the principal at Cascade Senior High School; however, long-established residents will remember him first as a high school student, then as a teacher, Athletic Director, and Assistant Principal.

##### An Interview with James Hopkins, an American in Ukraine

By MARLENE FARRELL  
Correspondent

James Hopkins, a Northwest native with ties to Leavenworth (his brother Matt), has lived in Ukraine for twenty-four years and calls it home. He lives in Lutsk, in northwest Ukraine, with his wife, Valya, a Ukrainian, and their two daughters, Arina, 15, and Samantha,

14. Right now, they're coping with daily peril ever since the Russian invasion began in late February. This is an extreme escalation, though Ukraine and Russia have been in military conflict for eight years, ever since Russia overtook Crimea and the Donbas region.

##### Plain Valley Nordic Team Sends Eleven to Nationals

Submitted by ISABEL MENNA

On the first full week of March, the United States Ski and Snowboard's Cross Country Junior National Championships begin. The nine-day, four-event, annual engagement among the nation's best young skiers representing the ten Nordic ski racing divisions across the country from Maine to Alaska and North Dakota to New Mexico, took place this year in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Plain Valley Nordic Team (PVNT) qualified eleven of its senior team racers for the competition, as part of the greater

## PUD bids farewell to long-serving commissioners Congdon, Bolz

Submitted by RACHEL HANSEN

Senior Communications Strategist

**WENATCHEE** - Friends and colleagues shared memories and fond farewells with two long-serving commissioners - Ann Congdon and Dennis Bolz - during their last board meeting December 20.

Commissioner Ann Congdon was elected to the commission 18 years ago. She was encouraged to run by family friend Jean Ludwick, the first woman in the state elected as a PUD commissioner.

"When I became commissioner, it was clear that Chelan PUD needed to earn back trust with our customer-owners," Congdon said. "As a board, one of the things we did right was hire the right general managers at the right time."

One of the longest-serving commissioners in PUD history, Congdon helped hire five general managers including Rich Riazzi, Steve Wright and Kirk Hudson. During her tenure, she worked alongside staff to reduce debt by nearly \$1 billion and position the PUD as one of the most financially stable utilities in the nation. She was a major proponent of a supported employment program at the PUD, which helps people with cognitive disabilities to develop job skills. She also joined other commissioners to adopt the PUD's vision of providing the best value for the most people for the longest time.

"Of everything we've done, I feel really good that we worked hard and gained the trust of the community over time," she said. "My parting words to fellow commissioners is that we've got to do everything it takes to keep earning that trust. That means open communication, a lot of outreach, and staying engaged in conversations around the community."

Commissioner Dennis Bolz championed many issues during his 16-year tenure on the board, including parks development, transparency, and fiscal responsibility. In 2019, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Washington Public Utility Districts Association in recognition of his long-standing work on behalf of public power.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is the transition in culture that we helped facilitate at Chelan PUD," Bolz said. "The five of us worked to create a tone at the commission level to model a healthier balance for how people treated each other, with respect and dignity."

Bolz was also part of creating the Public Power Benefit program, which supports community-minded projects such as expanded access to fiber internet, parking passes at PUD-owned state parks, electric vehicle changing stations and more. His leadership has advanced several PUD strategic plans, including critical decisions on rate design and economic development, guided by input from thousands of local customers.

"The public is important," Bolz said. "We had the courage to go forward because we took the time to hear what the public was thinking. It's been a great experience."

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Submitted photo.

Journeyman Mechanic Jared Paine presented two plaques dedicated to retiring commissioners Ann Congdon and Dennis Bolz during their last board meeting Monday, Dec. 19.

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# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

Pacific Northwest's team (PNSA) and returned with four All-Americans and nine top ten finishes.

**CHS Knowledge Bowl Team wins state for the first time in 30-year history**  
By MARLENE FARRELL  
Correspondent

CHS's Knowledge Bowl team went to the state competition on March 19 after a strong three-month season, and they were hopeful. "At state, there are always some very strong teams. We only compete against local teams during the regular season," explained coach Dayle Massey.

**April 2022**

**CHS Fire Science Classes, in partnership with Fire District 3, now earn college credit**  
By MARLENE FARRELL  
Correspondent

It's third period at Cascade High School, and ten students walk across Chumstick Highway to Fire District 3. They have to be timely because they first change into department shirt, pants and boots, as befitting their cadet status. Marcus Wells is ready to start a lecture on causes of wildland fires. The first semester class ended with Level I certification for successful students, who can then earn a red card at the end of this second semester wildland-focused class. A red card allows them to work seasonally on a fire crew.

**Spring Snow Surprise**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

One would not expect to see a foot of snow blessing their vision in mid-April, let alone a troubling weather precedent for the upcoming spring harvest. Although the global climate crisis has become increasingly troubling, the recent snowfall is not a side effect of climate

change. From April 12-14, Chelan County received several inches of snow, with approximately 14.5 inches in the Lake Wenatchee/Plain region and about 7-16 inches in Wenatchee.

**First in-Person City Council Meeting in Two Years**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

City officials dusted off their podiums and settled into business on April 12, excited to finally sit in official city council seats. The hybrid city council meeting was brought into session with Mayor Carl J. Florea bringing two gavels for the occasion. The meeting recapped the recent bomb threat, a surprise visit from Chelan County Commissioner Bob Bugert, and an introduction to the Workforce Housing Grant Program.

**Leavenworth and Cashmere Farmers Markets merge into "Cascade Community Markets"**  
SUBMITTED BY CALI OSBORNE  
CCM Executive Director

Last summer, Leavenworth Community Farmers Market partnered with a team of Cashmere residents to establish and manage the Cashmere Community Farmers Market. Now, these two unique markets have come together to form Cascade Community Markets, a unified organization that will strengthen both markets' management and provide a consistent market experience for customers and vendors.

**Obertal Inn's painted windows community strife**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

The growing discontent towards the city of Leavenworth finally came to a head, all because of some flowery painted windows. Discussion of alleged city government overreach on Obertal Inn's spring-themed

decor quickly escalated to threats and harassment towards city employees, a possible side effect of the community's growing discontent with local governance.

**May 2022**

**The city makes more progress on Housing Action Plan**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

The City of Leavenworth accepted the affordable workforce housing incentive program on April 26, along with approving a personnel policy update and abandoning the sewer services for the Waterfront Park restrooms. The meeting began after Chelan County Corporal Monika Haynes reported a possible rise in homeless camps near Blackbird Island. Law enforcement has partnered with the new behavioral health units with this situation.

**Adventure Park's Alpine Rollercoaster gains traction**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

After contending with rising building costs and supply-chain issues, construction for Adventure Park's alpine rollercoaster begins to take shape. Adventure Park has been a highly contested topic in Leavenworth, one that has a rich history of legal contention and pushback from Friends of Leavenworth, a group that was originally formed from the pressure Adventure Park brought to concerned Icicle Road residents.

**Six-Year Transportation Plan is accepted with minor changes**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

After yet another discussion on how to properly motion a vote, the City of Leavenworth



**March 22** Plain Valley Nordic Team donning their PNSA team jackets in Minneapolis with chaperones.



**February 9** Upper Valley MEND's long-time volunteer, Susan Riggs

decided to accept the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan with some small changes attached to their vote. The public hearing began with Bob Fallon suggesting that a connection between Titus Rd. and Chumstick Hwy., near the Meadowlark project, be included in the plan. He explained how this connection would help relieve some traffic tension in

that area, especially with the new Meadowlark project.

**Stevens Pass Ski Resort hires new general manager after lawsuit**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

After Stevens Pass Ski Resort received several criticisms regarding low hourly wages and

overpriced season passes, Vail Resorts decided to go in a new direction and hire new general manager Ellen Galbraith.

**Unsettled Dangerous Women**  
SUBMITTED BY RHONA BARON

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**June 2022**

**Bavarian Village Awarded \$1 million for future renovations**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

The Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee received \$1 million for the Bavarian Village Apartments from the Housing Preservation Program.

**Single-family homes planned for Dryden**  
By: MEGAN SOKOL,  
Staff writer

A 33.5-acre former pear orchard in Dryden will now be cleaned and subdivided as single-family residential homes. The application was submitted and subsequently approved by the Chelan County Hearing Examiner, with the stipulation that 29.48 acres will still be used as an orchard. North Dryden Estates will house about 18 single-family residences, with approximately .67 acres for each of the six lots, in addition to one open space tract.

**Community Members express swim team concerns at City Council Meeting**  
By: ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

Over 20 community members packed the Leavenworth City Council meeting to discuss the future of Leavenworth Swim Team, with an additional eleven attendees on the Zoom. Many community members have been concerned regarding how the swim team will be run and about communication between the pool, city and public. Additionally, the swim team is facing a deficit due to an unexpected increase in costs, said Hali Fiano, Leavenworth Swim Team board president.

**Leavenworth Fish Hatchery completes circular tanks project**  
By LINDSAY TIMMERMANS  
Staff Writer

After 20 years in the making, the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery dedicated its newly completed Pilot Circular Tanks Project in a ceremony honoring the salmon and the land with a quorum of groups including tribal partners from the Yakama Tribal Council, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, federal, state and local groups including the Icicle Work Group, Reclamation, Biologists, Dept. of Ecology, Fisheries, Chelan County Natural Resources, and Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Hatchery staff. The pilot circular tanks project is expected to cut water usage by 1/2 on a 5-year pilot study measuring how well the salmon grow and return and will improve stream flow in the Icicle River.

**Link Transit boards approves zero-fare policy**  
By ERIC WEST  
Marketing and Communications Coordinator

After more than two years of providing zero-fare service, first through a suspension of fares in March 2020 due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by a one-year "zero-fare pilot program" beginning in July 2021—Link Transit is now and once again officially zero-fare. Link's Board of Directors adopted this change to the fare policy at their regular monthly meeting.

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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.**

**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. email President Anita Wilkie at 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.)**

**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.**

**Saturday/Sunday**  
 No Saturday or Sunday events scheduled

**Monday**  
**Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Call Terri 509-393-8271 for more information.**  
**Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)**  
**Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Meetings now at Highlander Golf Club, 2920 Eighth St. S. E. East Wenatchee. Please, RSVP if you want to have lunch. Check-in begins at 11 a.m., and the meeting will begin at Noon. Call Ellie: 425-319-9869. (1st Mon., monthly).**

**Tuesday**  
**Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)**  
**Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Tony Jantzer, cell, 509-433-4064, or 509-782-2561 or tony.iid.pid@nwi.net, (2nd Tues.)**  
**Cascade Medical Board Meeting, 9 a.m. Call Cascade Medical, 509-548-5815. (4th Tues.)**  
**Cascade Education Foundation. Contact: CEF@cascade.org**  
**LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st Tues.)**  
**Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)**  
**Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)**  
**The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)**

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**Other events**  
**The Greater Leavenworth Museum, formerly known as the Upper Valley Museum, is open daily through Tuesday, January 2nd, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.**  
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 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.  
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 Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.  
**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.**

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**Corrections**

The Leavenworth Echo regrets any errors. If you see an error, please call 509-548-5286. We will publish a correction on this page in the next issue.

**Contact the listed organizations or events for updates.**

**Leavenworth**

Library offers a free Leavenworth History walking tour with partners

Leavenworth Public Library, the Greater Leavenworth Museum, and the Bavarian Walking Tours of Leavenworth are partnering to host a Leavenworth History Walking Tour on Wednesday, December 28, from noon to 1 p.m. The tour will begin at the library and end with admission to the Greater Leavenworth Museum. Participants will enjoy a fun scavenger hunt along the way. Community members of all ages are welcome. The tour is free, but registration is required. Wear good walking shoes and bundle

up. Learn more and register at www.ncwlibraries.org/leavenworth. The Leavenworth Public Library is located at 700 Highway 2. For more information call 509-548-7923.

Adult Social walking in the Festhalle

Walking times and days are Monday - Thursday from 7:15 a.m. - 9 a.m. (Note: we will BEGIN our fifth walking season in the middle of the week on Wednesday, January 4. and Thursday January 5.) There is no charge, all you need to bring is your smile and a dry pair of shoes. Please enter the Festhalle from Front Street (there are 3 Front Street entrances, please use the one in the middle). The street parking meters are not live until 9 a.m. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate children at

this time. Please call Sharon Waters for further information. 509-548-7939.

**The Leavenworth Women's Exchange monthly luncheon**

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at noon at the Icicle Inn Restaurant, 505 Highway 2. The cost is \$20 per person for members. Lunch buffet, beverage, tax, and gratuity are included. Author Dr. Stephen Huffman will present a program titled "A Desperate Need: A Treatment of Addiction". Cash or check only. Since this is a catered event, any cancellations after 1-3 will be responsible for the cost of the lunch. To make your reservation, please contact Claire Burlingame, 509-548-7142 by Thursday, January 5

- **Downtown Steering Committee, 10:00 a.m. (4th Tues.)**
- **Parking Advisory Committee, meets 3 p.m., at City Hall in the conference room and on zoom. (1st Thurs.)**
- **Housing Committee, 3:30 p.m. (4th Tues.)**
- **Public Safety Committee, 4:30 p.m. (4th Tues.)**
- **Finance Committee, 5:15 p.m. (4th Tues.)**
- **City Council Evening Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Tues.) At City Hall in Council Chambers (1st Floor) and via zoom. ALL are at City Hall in the Conference Room (2nd Floor) and via zoom.**

**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.

Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19
08:07 Public Assist, Stevens Pass area	02:06 911-call, 505 US Hwy. 2, Icicle Village	09:38 Theft, 11212 Chumstick Hwy.	00:23 Non-injury Accident, 1214 Commercial St.
09:12 Property, 700 US Hwy. 2, City of Leavenworth	03:34 Domestic Disturbance, 505 US Hwy. 2, Icicle Village	10:23 Drugs, 713 Front St.	07:18 Traffic Offense, 11756 US Hwy. 2, Jerry's Auto
11:05 Public Assist, 9101 Icicle Rd.	07:54 Suspicious Circumstance, 10010 Eagle Creek Rd.	10:53 Suspicious Circumstance, 8805 E. Leavenworth Rd.	08:13 Noise Complaint, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park
12:23 Disturbance, 10395 Chumstick Hwy.	08:43 911-call, 505 US Hwy. 2, Icicle Village	11:01 Property, 600 block Front St.	09:48 Civil Dispute, 16537 Lakeview Dr., Lake Wenatchee
12:55 Civil Dispute, 8355 Lake St., Peshastin	09:33 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 100 Ski Blick Strasse	15:44 Welfare Check, 100 Ward Strasse	10:43 Civil Dispute, 3237 Hansel Ln., Peshastin
13:25 Sex Offense, Lone Pine Dr., Peshastin	11:32 Property, 636 Front St., Viscontis	16:04 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 960 US Hwy. 2	11:17 Welfare Check, Ski Hill Dr., and US Hwy. 2
14:36 Fraud/ Forgery, 24313 Saddle St., Plain	11:42 Suspicious Circumstance, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway	17:37 Suspicious Circumstance, Chumstick Hwy.	11:38 Non-injury Accident, Fox Rd. and Arrowleaf Ln.
15:00 Hazard, US Hwy. 2, and Mill St.	13:45 Property, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park	18:05 911-call, 185 US Hwy. 2, Fairbridge Inn	13:09 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 97 MP 171, Peshastin
18:58 Bomb Threat, 843 Front St., The Loft Bar	14:22 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 283 US Hwy. 2	18:11 Welfare Check, 525 Mountain View Dr.	14:02 Hazard, Prospect and Mine Streets
	14:22 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 2, and 9th St.	19:59 Property, 520 Pine St.	14:14 Civil Dispute, 9306 E. Leavenworth Rd.
	15:29 Agency Assist, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park	20:00 Traffic Offense, Titus and Detillion Roads	17:18 Traffic Offense, North Rd. MP 3
	15:33 Missing Person, 9th St. and US Hwy. 2	20:28 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 708 US Hwy. 2	17:21 Domestic Disturbance, 321 Park Ave.
	15:34 Extra Patrol, 10300 Suncrest Dr.	22:26 Domestic Disturbance, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway	18:43 Welfare Check, 990 US Hwy. 2 park n' ride
	16:17 Public Assist, 940 US Hwy. 2	22:50 Welfare Check, 10461 Stemm Rd., Smallwoods, Peshastin	18:58 Harassment/ Threat, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park
	17:00 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2, and Icicle Rd.	23:21 Juvenile Problem, 100 Enchantment Park Way	21:45 Malicious Mischief, 694 US Hwy. 2
	17:15 Non-injury Accident, 940 US Hwy. 2	23:29 Public Assist, 11798 US Hwy. 2, Loge	21:49 911-call, 190 US Hwy. 2, Der Ritterhof
	17:22 Non-injury Accident, 1250 US Hwy. 2, McDonald's		22:43 Traffic Offense, 9501 Jeske Rd., Big Y Park n' ride

**Bomb Threat in Leavenworth**

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett reports that on Dec. 16, at approximately 18:58 hours, RIVERCOM dispatch was contacted by an unknown male who stated he was angry over an incident that happened previously to the call. The suspect threatened a local business establishment in the downtown Leavenworth area. He stated he had a rifle with a large amount of ammunition and a pipe bomb. As a precaution, safety protocols were immediately administered by deputies to local businesses open at the time, causing them to shelter in place. This included Cascade Medical Center.

Several Chelan County deputies quickly responded to the area with additional support from the Washington State Patrol. Deputies conducted a thorough sweep of the downtown area and did not find anything to corroborate any threat. A thorough investigation commenced while additional law enforcement resources remained in the area to provide a security presence. Deputies continued to look for any individual(s) that presented an obvious threat to public safety. This investigation is ongoing. The Sheriff's Office does not believe there is any concern for the safety of the public.

All available information appeared to point to another "swatting" incident and appeared not to be credible at the time. The investigation by law enforcement spanned approximately 3 hours. Law enforcement's security presence remained in the area for several additional hours. "Swatting" incidents have been increasing throughout the country and are a serious drain on law enforcement resources.

## Photos shared by our Leavenworth friends



PHOTO BARBARA WASHBURN.

Christmas Lighting 2022



PHOTO STEVE SCOTT.

Children playing "King of the Hill" at Front Street Park.

## 10,000<sup>th</sup> Visitor to the Museum



PHOTO BY MATT CADE.

On Monday, December 19, the Greater Leavenworth Museum welcomed its 10,000th visitor for 2022. Patti McGaughey, the museum staff's lead volunteer, greeted Marisa Lin and Tim Wu from Vancouver, B.C., with a set of three books from the museum's store and a promise to post their photo on the museum's Facebook page, which they did.

If you haven't seen the museum yet, this is a perfect time. Whether you've been in the valley for generations or are new to the area, the Greater Leavenworth Museum does a fantastic job of sharing our region's unique history and telling the story of how we became known worldwide as a Bavarian village. If you mention you're a local, your admission is free through January 2

## Winter Conditions Force Cancellation of Critical Blood Drives

**Hundreds of units of blood impacted across Red Cross Northwest Region**

SUBMITTED BY BETSY ROBERTSON

The ongoing effect of winter snow and ice across much of Washington State is forcing the cancellation of mobile blood drives and closure of fixed collection sites in affected areas until conditions improve. Donors are encouraged to check with their local Red Cross office to see if their drive is impacted. "We are losing hundreds of units of blood across the region," says Angel Montes, Blood Services Executive, Red Cross Northwest Region. "Unfortunately, this severe winter weather is coming at an already challenging time of the year to collect blood as many of our blood donors are away for the holidays."

To help ensure patients continue to have access to lifesaving blood products, the Red Cross urges individuals to schedule an appointment to give blood once weather conditions improve.

Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-Red Cross. The most important

gift you can give this holiday season is the gift of life through a blood donation. Every day, the Red Cross must collect approximately 12,500 blood and nearly 3,000 platelet donations for patients, who are currently undergoing medical procedures and treatments, who are alone without the bedside support of loved ones, at about 2,500 hospitals and transfusion centers nationwide.

### How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of

age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

\*As a thank-you, all who come to give Dec. 16-Jan. 2 will get a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

\*Washington still requires face masks be worn at all blood drives and donation sites.

Amplify your impact – volunteer

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, visit [redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://redcross.org/volunteertoday).

## Rep. Goehner named ranking Republican on House Local Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE REPUBLICANS

Rep. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden, will continue to lead Republicans on the Local Government Committee in the state House of Representatives.

Washington State House Republicans recently announced their committee assignments for the upcoming 2023 legislative session.

The House Local

Government Committee considers issues relating to the operations and financing of counties, cities, and some special purpose districts. It will also look at legislative proposals related to local government open meetings and public records obligations; and the administration of local land use, zoning, building, energy and health codes.

Goehner, a former four-term Chelan County commissioner, feels his experience in local government provides a perspective beneficial to local entities.

"I have been, and will continue to be, an advocate for local government. Our local entities provide the most basic and essential services to our constituencies, and it is imperative we work with them at the state level," said Goehner. "I am hopeful the committee could work on affordable housing issues such as the Growth Management

Act, zoning, and some of the well-intentioned regulations with poor results that are driving up housing costs."

Goehner will once again serve on the House Environment and Energy and Transportation committees.

"The new Twelfth District boundaries provide us an opportunity to work with communities on the east and west side of the Cascade mountains to address critical transportation needs and ensure goods and services are moved efficiently across the mountains," said Goehner. "While transportation funding is reaching a critical juncture, maintenance and preservation needs to be a top priority. However, we must find some common-sense solutions to ensure we are getting much-needed projects in our region."

The 105-day legislative session is scheduled to convene on Jan. 9, 2023.



FILE PHOTO.

Rep. Keith Goehner

## 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](mailto:classifieds@leavenworthecho.com)

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# The Washington Outdoors Report

## A Winter Outdoors Roundup

BY JOHN KRUSE

### BONAPARTE LAKE ICE DERBY

Bonaparte Lake Resort will be putting on their 1st annual ice fishing derby on January 28. The cost to enter for adults is an affordable \$10 and the youth entry fee is only \$5. There are prizes for the biggest trout caught as well as the heaviest bag of multi-species fish (where you must weigh in three of the five fish species found in the lake).

The first-place prize for the biggest trout is an Eskimo ice auger and 50% of the prize money for this category. The angler weighing in the heaviest multi-species bag will also take-home 50% of the prize money for this category along with a Jett sled with a cover.

As for the kid with the biggest trout? He or she will get an ice fishing pole, a tackle box and 50% of the youth entry fees. If you get cold out on the ice you can warm up at the resort's restaurant which will be serving both hot drinks and food. Sign-ups take place at the resort between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Official weigh-ins begin at 3 p.m. and the awards ceremony takes place at 4:30 p.m.

Eric Cruz, posting about this on the resort's Facebook page, is asking for sponsors to help out with what looks to be a very fun event. Sponsors will be named on the official flier, advertisements and sweatshirts. If you are interested in supporting this derby call Eric at 509-322-1878 and do so before December 29.

### WENATCHEE VALLEY SPORTSMEN SHOW



Participants snowshoeing on a First Day Hike

PHOTO COURTESY WASHINGTON STATE PARKS.

**CANCELLED** – After a two-year hiatus due to the Covid pandemic, the Wenatchee Valley Sportsmen Show was going to take place at the Town Toyota Center from January 6 - 8, 2023, a new date for the show that would have made this the first sportsmen's show of the year in the Pacific Northwest.

Unfortunately, the show has been cancelled. In a statement sent out to exhibitors, event organizer Amy Gustin stated, "The last couple of years has definitely impacted the landscape of trade shows. We have found that many vendors are no longer in business, had to change their business model to survive a world without events to sell their products, or have chosen to only do the larger shows. With that being said, we are going to work hard through next year to see if we can get the show back up and going for January 5-7, 2024."

### NEW YEAR'S DAY EVENTS AT WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

January 1 is a fee free day at Washington State Parks and there are a number of events taking place to kick off the new year in nature. One such event is a Polar Plunge at Maryhill State Park in the Columbia River Gorge. This will take place at 9:15 a.m. at the swimming area along the Columbia River in the park. Plungers can find out if they have what it takes for a short winter (5 minutes max) dip in the mighty Columbia. A \$15 donation is recommended. If you go to Lake Wenatchee State Park on New Year's Day you can strap on your snowshoes and join park staff and volunteers for a brisk snowshoe hike around a frosty, snow-covered, winter wonderland. This event takes place between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Limited space is available for the hike, so please call ahead

to reserve your spot.

This is a fantastic opportunity for first-timers in snowshoes or adults with children. The easy hike follows a 1.3-mile-long trail with varying views, plenty of opportunities for snowball fights and memorable photos! A limited number of snowshoes are available to rent for no charge, please call ahead to reserve a pair (509) 763-3101. Following the hike, hot cocoa, and light snacks will be available for participants outside the North Reservation Booth. Additional guided First Day Hikes are taking place on Whidbey Island at South Whidbey, Fort Casey and Fort Ebey State Parks. Find out more details at [www.parks.wa.gov/calendar.aspx](http://www.parks.wa.gov/calendar.aspx)

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## The Well Seasoned Whistle

BY RHONA BARON

Seasons greetings! In our time presenting The Whistle to the Upper Valley, we admit we've served up some spicy observations. It hasn't always been easy to take our elected officials and the workings of City Hall to task, but we believe that thoughtful opinion in the local press is key to a healthy society. That said, today's column is not about what needs correcting as much as it's an opportunity for gratitude and hope.

First, we thank the community for your interest in The Whistle. In our short four months of existence, The Whistle column has been read by almost five thousand people online in the Echo and gone out to seven thousand in print. Even more impressive, over seven thousand people have clicked into our website, some writing us personally.

Sometimes it's hard to hear how many locals feel slighted and ignored, but we said we'd listen and care. And we do! In addition, there has been considerable interest on social media and we've received new supporters on the team as well and good conversations and emails over the course of just four months. Thank you for your interest and trust.

We also appreciate the City Council members and the mayor for choosing to engage instead of turn away from the thoughtful comments made by members of our team on behalf of the majority of residents.

Reading through comments from Leavenworth's UGA Survey distributed by City Hall in 2022 gives us a sense of hope and community, too. The majority of respondents remarked on how much they value the current "feel" of our beautiful mountain valley, the gift of being surrounded by nature and the warmth of our neighborhoods.

In my own opinion, there remains a strong sense of connection amongst residents. I've been watching the unfolding of Leavenworth since 1984 from my vantage point of working in mostly nonprofit and community building capacities. I've seen many a Christmas Lighting season, many a spring flood, many a smoky August, many a gorgeous hill of Balsamroot, many a pine scented hike up the Icicle, many a backyard BBQ and many a songbird returning to the intentional habitat of our back yard.

What I think has changed is the amount pressure from "outside" brought about by what is, again in my opinion,

"over tourism" issues, along with the out-of-control cost of real estate that has completely outpaced living wages in The United States. This potent combo has created a crisis as we look to the future, with no way to go back to say, 1986 when I bought my first house for \$35,000. Back then, a fixer upper was restored pretty inexpensively with products from Marson's Lumber and twenty and thirty somethings working as river guides or at Steven's Pass could afford to own. My first house, sold long ago and barely improved since, would now be listed at \$500,000!

I also believe our world has become more complex, meaning that manufacturing a "silver bullet" to solve what lies before us has become next to impossible. If I had one hope for the coming year in terms of City Hall, it would be that they step back far enough to see that our community, built of caring, smart people with good ideas, needs complex solutions. Density is not a silver bullet for affordability here. Ridding our neighborhoods of greenery is not a silver bullet that paves



The Whistle

the way for "diverse" housing. Allowing unlimited B and B development in neighborhoods is not a silver bullet for helping residents pay their mortgages. The list goes on.

In the year ahead The Whistle Team wishes you all some measure of peace amidst the complexity, a clear head to see the big picture beyond the messy details, and a stout heart to take the journey one measured step at a time, trusting that we are a community. We lack a silver bullet, but we've got each other. And that is enough.

Until then, reach us at LW whistle.com. Find community surveys online in the Echo. Or just keep whistling. We'll hear you.

### PUD bids farewell

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In other news, commissioners:

- Heard an update on the safety recommendations from an investigation at Rock Island Dam in 2018. Most of the recommendations are complete, and three are in progress.
- Approved resolutions to

support 2023 hatchery operations, and monitoring and evaluation activities pursuant to the Habitat Conservation Plans for Rocky Reach and Rock Island hydroelectric projects.

- Approved a resolution to authorize the general manager to negotiate the acquisition of Peshastin Water District.

## Sports Schedule

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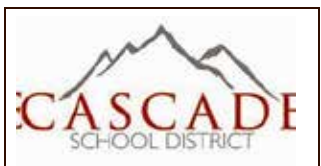
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**Follow these 5 tips to declutter, organize your home in the new year**

By **CHRISTINA GIAQUINTO**

The start of the New Year is always an exciting time filled with resolutions to live healthier and happier for the next 12 months. One surefire way to do that is cleaning up and decluttering your home, as clutter takes up physical space, drains mental energy, and causes a ton of stress and anxiety. Eliminating clutter in each room is an impactful way to make a living space really feel like a calming sanctuary.

If you are struggling to figure out how to best declutter your home in the New Year, do not worry. In my experience as the Professional Organizer and Brand Ambassador of Modular Closets (DIY customizable closet units that organize any space in your home), I have discovered these helpful decluttering tips:

**1. Before Starting, Ask Yourself 2 Questions**

There are two questions to ask yourself: do you have too much stuff or not enough space? If you do not have enough space, there are a few solutions. First, create a new closet system. Oftentimes, our spaces are completely underutilized and simply not designed properly. Many times, we have more space than we think. This does not mean you have to make a huge investment or start an intimidating construction project.

For example, just by changing your single rod closet to double hanging, you instantly double the space. The most transformative thing you can do to organize when you do not have a lot of space is to redesign the system. Modular Closets is just one highly effective system that is easy to design yourself or with their team and instantly transforms your space! Also, always utilize your walls when you do not have a lot of space — hooks are a great way to organize things such as hats, purses, and necklaces.

If you do not have a lot of space, you have to honor and accept the space you have. You may need to simplify things a bit more and work on practicing the process of letting go of some more of your items. Things are not bad, as they create our environment and add purpose and meaning to our home. However, we have to honor the space we have and allow things into our space that don't create clutter.

**2. Turn Decluttering Your Clothes into a Game**

Who doesn't love a fun game? If you want to quickly declutter your clothes, turn it into a game by committing yourself to accomplishing the task in one day no matter what. By setting the goal to finish the decluttering process in 24 hours, you will feel energized and inspired to get it done. On a practical level, the best way to ensure you get it done fast is by creating piles and categories. This is going to make it much easier to declutter and decide what you do not want anymore. In my own experience, this is the #1 way to declutter fast.

Another idea is to have a friend or family member help. Decluttering can be emotionally tiring physically and mentally, so it is always great to have support. Your friend may also want to keep some of the items you are looking to give away, so it's a win-win for both of you.

**3. Take a Break if You Feel Overwhelmed**

If you are feeling stressed out and overwhelmed while decluttering, pause and hit the reset button. Decluttering is both physical and emotional so there may be moments where you feel overwhelmed, and this is completely natural and okay. So first and foremost, please know it is okay to feel that way! If you put too much pressure on yourself to get it all done at once, you

can easily burn out and take even longer to declutter your home.

Second, pause and step away for a moment. Sometimes all you need is a breather, a glass of water, and to step away from the clutter. Third, if you find the process overwhelming, set the timer for 15-minute increments so you can work within an allocated amount of time.

**4. Avoid These 10 Decluttering Mistakes**

If you want to optimize the process of decluttering and cleaning up your home, make sure to avoid these blunders:

- 1.) You do not have to throw everything away.
- 2.) Be honest with yourself if you truly need that item.
- 3.) Do not let the object take over you. You control the object. Always remember that.
- 4.) Do not start the process until you have categorized it into piles.
- 5.) Do not declutter with everything still in the space. Empty out everything until the closet/room/space is empty.
- 6.) Do not throw it all away without seeing if you can donate it locally.
- 7.) Do not keep your clutter to have a garage sale unless you have that garage sale booked in the calendar.
- 8.) Do not declutter without a goal and intention for your space.
- 9.) Do not declutter without a snack on hand. It gets tiring.
- 10.) Do not be so hard on yourself. This process is a lot. The fact that you are working on your space to make it better is truly such an accomplishment.

**5. Follow My 8-Minute Rule to Keep Your Home Tidy**

Keeping your home neat needs to be an ongoing, daily process, as it will prevent clutter and chaos from forming over time. Luckily, you can easily do this in less than 10 minutes a day. Just set a timer for 8 minutes and spend that time ridding counters of any clutter, picking items off the floor, and putting things where they belong. I like doing this before I go to bed, as it puts my mind at ease and completes my day. However, you can do it at any time that is right for you.

Whatever clutter you can eliminate in 8 minutes is fantastic. Also, this will eventually become a habit that you enjoy doing each day. And when it becomes a part of your daily lifestyle, your space will never get messy and chaotic. Remember, the goal is not to put every single item away (of course, that is awesome if that happens); the objective is to put whatever you can away until the timer goes off after 8 minutes.

**To Wrap It All Up**

Ridding your home of clutter is an excellent way to live healthier and happier in the New Year, as messiness can cause a lot of stress and anxiety. Optimize the decluttering process by first asking yourself if you have too much stuff or not enough space. Also, turn decluttering your clothes into a game, take a break if you feel overwhelmed, avoid 10 of the major cleaning mistakes I have seen others make, and follow my 8-minute rule. This will help you keep your home tidy and chaos-free in Year 2023 and beyond.

*Christina Giaquinto is the Professional Organizer and Brand Ambassador of Modular Closets (DIY customizable closet units that organize any space in your home). Christina focuses on giving her clients the tools, methods, and techniques to transform their lives and homes through decluttering and organizing. She combines spiritual coaching and organizing to help her clients let go of things that do not spark joy and happiness. Her work has been featured on sites like Popsugar, Women's Health, Reader's Digest, Realtor, The Spruce and Yahoo. [www.modularclosets.com](http://www.modularclosets.com)*

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62. Saturn's wife
63. Human limb
64. \*Russian borscht vegetable

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2. \*American \_\_\_ browns
3. Acreage
4. Sort of (3 words)
5. Marie or Pierre, physicists
6. Southeast Asia org.
7. Lowly laborer
8. Like a bug in a rug
9. Princess Fiona, by night
10. Square root of 100
12. Thwarted
13. SNL's foRtE
14. \*Nationality that gave us gelato
19. Administer
22. Wound fluid
23. Not dead
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38. Tear-jerker
40. Hog heaven
41. Posthumous type of tax
44. Like 90 degree angle
46. Reassembled dwelling
48. Feudal dwelling
49. Poppy tears
50. Acid "journey"
51. Semis
52. France/Switzerland border mountain range
53. Not all
54. Canal in a song
55. U.N. workers' grp.
58. Banned insecticide, acr.

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ACROSS

1. \*Like popular Pad
8. Boozehound
11. Bring home the bacon
12. \*Combine cuisines
13. Door holder
15. Between ports
16. \*America's favorite cookie, according to some
17. Driver's 180
18. \*Like poke bowl
20. Magician, in the olden days
21. Type of wrench
22. Campaigner, for short
23. Traditional sock pattern
26. \*Southeast Asian spiky fruit, pl.
30. \_\_\_-di-dah
31. Unequivocally detestable
34. Same as ayah
35. "That is," Latin
37. Urge Spot to attack
38. Chilled (2 words)
39. Observation point's attraction
40. \*Soft and soft type of tofu
42. Ship pronoun
43. Thrusts out or causes to protrude
45. One way to steal gas
47. Without professional help, acr.
48. Energy to motion converter
50. H.S. math class
52. \*Wasabi is popular in this cuisine
55. \*Type of soda bread
56. g in 10 g
57. Francis Coppola's middle name
59. End of tunnel
60. Casanova, e.g.
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# Gratitude

As we at Cascade Medical look back on 2022, we saw and experienced so much. Challenges, to be sure. Just like you, we found them around every corner. But more than anything, we at Cascade Medical look back on 2022 with gratitude.



## Gratitude, for the opportunity to take care of our CM Team.

Internally, we established “Resiliency First Aid” training for our providers and staff, empowering us with tools to take emotional care for ourselves...and for our fellow team members. This training will continue into 2023. We are grateful for our continued financial strength. This ensures our wages are competitive, including proactive wage adjustments to our nursing staff...one of the reasons we have such a low nursing vacancy rate compared to the rest of the state.

## Gratitude, for appreciation.

We are appreciative of all our recognition received this year, nationally, regionally, and locally.

- CM nationally recognized as a top 20 Critical Access Hospital for Quality metrics.
- Statewide awards for immunization rates in our community.
- Locally, awards from our Cascade School District recognizing our leadership and partnership in helping to keep your kids safe and healthy while they're busy learning.
- We are thankful for the recognition CEO Diane Blake received in her year of successful leadership of the Washington State Hospital Association.
- Governance Excellence Award was given to CM Hospital Commissioner Bruce Williams for his role with the WSHA. Diane and Bruce's efforts benefitted both CM and hospitals around the state.

## Most importantly, gratitude for you.

We are most grateful for your trust in our ability to provide you care. For your story, your health care journey, and your wish to have CMC walk with you. We are thankful for our passionate, caring, involved community that is invested in our continued success.

**Together, we are Cascade Medical.  
We are partners in your health.**

**We are grateful.  
Thank you.**



## Gratitude, for being a better partner in your health.

- Our providers and staff worked tirelessly to address the most significant Covid surge our state had experienced to date (January-March 2022).
- We adjusted our provider coverage in our Emergency Department. This internal shift was a change for the better regarding provider needs and job satisfaction and also further optimized our response to our community's urgent health care needs.
- We focused our Charity Care and improved our insurance navigation services to better help those who need it to cover their cost of care.
- We continue Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work ensuring we provide affirming care for all in our valley.
- We expanded our Behavioral Health care greatly, resulting in drastically shortened wait time for care.
- In December, we started to roll out our Mobile Clinic on a regular basis, taking care of our communities when they may not be able to physically make it to us.
- Cascade Medical is also proud to announce our newest provider, Dr. Lauren Kendall, will be joining us in early 2023.



## Yes, even gratitude for finding opportunity through adversity.

Implementation of our new Electronic Medical Record system has not been without challenges, but we are thankful for the massive staff and leadership efforts to get it to where it is today. While work remains to optimize the system, the enhanced functionality of the system is already reaping dividends.

