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Exciting Prospects for Collaboration between the Greater Leavenworth Museum and the Chumstick Grange #819



PHOTO BY MATT CADE

Children enjoy one of the interactive elements recently added to the museum.



Marlene Farrell Correspondent

The current Chumstick Grange building on Front Street

The Upper Valley Historical Society (UVHS) has had a busy year. In April they had their official ribbon cutting of the new location of the Greater Leavenworth Museum on Front Street, with a crowd of supporters coming to enjoy the well curated exhibits of the region's colorful history. They also celebrated their 20th anniversary. And now, UVHS is exploring the idea of leasing the Chumstick Grange. This would allow the museum to expand and further showcase aspects of the area's history

and cultural traditions. If UVHS is able to lease the building, there would still be access for Grange member meetings.

The idea has been percolating through informal conversations over the last few years, mostly between Matt Cade, UVHS president and Chumstick Grange #819 member, and Paul Gray, former UVHS member, member of the Chumstick Grange as well as president of the Chelan County Pomona Grange #23.

The Chumstick Grange, located on Front Street across from Gustav's, is one of a network of hundreds of community halls throughout the nation, the first of which popped up 150 years ago. "The Grange was put together after the Civil War to recover the farming expertise lost with the farmers who fought and died," explained Gray, who's been a Grange member for decades. "The original idea was for the Grange Halls to be community meeting places less than a day's buggy or horseback ride apart." The Grange is both a nonprofit legislative and agricultural education organization.

A brief history of the Grange Movement, written by former member Shirley Ward, describes how the Grange is "founded on the home, family and the farm." The Grange gave collective voice to farmers, enabling them to protect their rights in the face of railroad monopolies, growing their economic empowerment and ensuring rural areas received infrastructure such as better highways, rural mail delivery, electrification, and farm credit.

Over the recent decades, Grange membership has diminished (active members number about a dozen). The local Grange members meet monthly, and the large open rooms, one on the main floor and one in the basement, have been used for a

variety of community functions, such as church services, dance classes, concerts, craft fairs and 4H meetings. However, the building sits empty most of the time.

The museum has maximized its exhibit space in its home above the Nutcracker Museum. Leasing space from the Grange opens up a lot of exciting possibilities for both exhibits and the collections department. One such idea is having hands-on children's museum style exhibits that bring the history of North Central Washington alive. Cade mentioned that a couple of passive hands-on elements relating to trains, logging and Bavarian-themed buildings recently added to the current museum have been very popular with young visitors.

The first step is a feasibility study, given the Chumstick Grange building

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Hawkins files Regional Aquatic Center legislation

SUBMITTED BY TRICIA GULLION

OLYMPIA — Sen. Brad Hawkins officially pre-filed legislation today to allow local governments in Chelan and Douglas counties to partner together to establish a Regional Aquatic Center and Sports Complex.

Senate Bill 5001 proposes to amend the existing Public Facilities District statute (RCW 35.57) to allow communities in the region to someday seek voter approval to construct and operate an aquatic center and recreational sports complex. Hawkins' bipartisan co-sponsor is Sen. Sam Hunt (D-District 22) whose Olympiabased district is also considering an aquatic facility.

Hawkins has hosted several meetings this fall with local mayors, county commissioners, regional port, chamber, community leaders, and swimming groups. Stakeholders are interested in locating any potential project in the Wenatchi Landing area near East Wenatchee, 283 acres of



FILE PHOTO. Senator Brad Hawkins

regionally accessible land near the Odabashian Bridge.

Development of a facility in Wenatchi Landing would help meet an aquatic and recreational need in the region while also serving



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as a catalyst development project, potentially leading to significant economic activities in that area, including hotels, restaurants, and retail shopping. The Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority will be administering a 12-month feasibility study to analyze the project and economic benefits.

"Officially submitting the bill today

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history collection SUBMITTED BY AMANDA BRACK

Leavenworth Public Library is debuting a new Leavenworth Local History collection. When the Leavenworth Library's Branch Librarian, Amy Massey, started in her current role in 2021, she quickly discovered a local treasure in her stacks, a copy of Fred Becky and Eric Biornstad's original climbing guide, published by The Mountaineers in 1965. She was inspired to begin a yearlong project of gathering as many of these books as she could find at her branch and in the NCW Libraries archives. She has pulled together books on local history, mountain trails, mining and homesteading, and on the families who built this community. She has placed those materials together in a special location at the Leavenworth Library. Some books

Dan's Market

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New coordinator tabbed for **Chelan-Douglas Master Gardener** program

SUBMITTED BY MARY ELLEN GORMLEY

WSU Chelan County Extension

WENATCHEE — Marco Martinez has been hired as the new coordinator of the Washington State University Master Gardener Program for Chelan and Douglas counties.

Margaret Viebrock, director of WSU Extension in Chelan and Douglas counties, had most recently taken on the role of local Master Gardener program coordinator on an interim basis.

"We are very fortunate that Marco accepted our job offer. He brings a strong background in public relations and working with people. At the annual Master Gardener Foundation meeting he was welcomed with enthusiasm, Viebrock said.

Martinez previously worked at The Wenatchee World, first as a reporter and most recently as features editor. He was also editor of Foothills, a monthly lifestyle magazine published by The World.

"I'm excited to be part of a program with a strong reputation for doing good things in our communities," Martinez said. "I am impressed with the breadth of knowledge represented by the Master Gardener volunteers, who are the heart of the program."

The Master Gardener program promotes environmentally responsible gardening practices and healthy living through gardening.

Locally, 100 active volunteers have completed WSU-approved training on topics that include botany, soils, lawn care, weed identification, pesticides and insect management, plant pathology, pruning and plant problem diagnosis. Volunteers are required to complete 35 hours of approved community education or service and 15 hours of continuing education annually to maintain active Master Gardener status.

Master Gardeners of Chelan and Douglas Counties volunteer in a variety of ways. Those include diagnosing plant problems in diagnosis clinics, developing and maintaining the Community Education Garden along Western Avenue, educational outreach at the NCW and Chelan County fairs, teaching classes, and maintaining several demonstration gardens in public spaces in both counties.

In January, a new class of candidates will begin training to become Master Gardener interns. Upon successfully completing training, candidates must fulfill a 55-hour internship requirement before becoming a certified Master Gardener.

A late registration period for the upcoming Master Gardener training remains open through Dec. 22. To learn more, visit bit.ly/trainingMG or email marco.martinez@wsu.edu. For more information about the Master Gardener Program for Chelan and Douglas counties, visit bit.ly/MGchelandouglas. Mary Ellen Gormley is the office manager for WSU Chelan County Extension.



Marco Martinez

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Stevens Pass 2022-23 Ski and Ride season opens

SUBMITTED BY STEVENS PASS

Stevens Pass confirmed that they opened for the 2022-23 winter season on Friday, December 2. The resort is proudly celebrating a milestone 85th anniversary this year.

"We depend on Mother Nature for our snow, and we have been fortunate to have favorable conditions," said Ellen Galbraith, Stevens Pass Vice President & General Manager. "We are truly excited to welcome our guests back to Stevens Pass this winter, and to celebrate 85 years of incredible skiing and riding in the Pacific Northwest with

our passionate and committed community this season."

Guests who visited on

opening day received an earlyseason terrain package, which included Brooks Express, Skyline Express, Hogsback Express, and Daisy Chair lifts spinning at 9 a.m., plus both carpets. Updates regarding any additional terrain openings will be announced on Stevens Pass social media channels. Guests can also enjoy food and beverage at our on-mountain dining locations, including Bull's Tooth Pub & Eatery, Cascadian Kitchen, T-Bar Market, and Foggy Goggle. Those planning on heading up to Stevens Pass are encouraged

to arrive early and carpool, if possible, and to book Ski and Ride School and equipment rentals in advance.

Stevens Pass is wellstaffed for this winter season, and hiring has been - and continues to be – a priority for the mountain. "I am grateful for our incredible team here at Stevens Pass who have put in the work to prepare the mountain for opening day," said Galbraith. "I want to recognize and thank everyone on our team for their passion, dedication, and hard work. We remain focused on operational excellence and continued transparency throughout this season and are looking forward

to a really amazing winter." For real-time operational information, please follow @ StevensUpdates on Twitter and download the EpicMix app. Guests are encouraged to follow @StevensPass on Instagram and Facebook for continued transparent communication from the resort throughout the season. Guests planning to visit this winter are encouraged to purchase their lift access in advance whether it is a lift ticket. Epic Day Pass, or season pass. Lift tickets will be limited every day, across every resort, during the 2022-23 season to preserve the guest experience at the resort.

Ellen Galbraith, VP and General Manager

Sports Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec. 14:	Cascade vs. Cascade Christian - cancelled					
В	OYS BASKETBALL					
Dec. 16:	Cascade vs. Cashmere, Home at 7:15 p.m.					
Dec. 20:	Cascade vs. Quincy, Home at 7:15 p.m.					

GIRLS WRESTLING:

Dec. 20:	Ephrata Mix n' Match, Away at 5:00 p.m.
В	OYS WRESTLING:
Dec. 15:	Cascade vs. Cashmere Home at 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 15:	Cascade vs. Chelan, Home at 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 17:	Cashmere Invitational, Away at 10:00 a.m.



BOVS BASKETBALL

В	OYS BASKETBALL
Dec. 6:	Cascade 43, Cle Elum 83; Loss
Dec. 8:	Cascade 55, Chelan 80; Loss

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Chelan County awards \$4.6 million in ARPA funds to community groups, small ag producers

WENATCHEE—Chelan County commissioners have allocated \$4.6 million of federal COVID relief dollars to a variety of local agencies, nonprofits and small agricultural producers.

The allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA, comes after a twomonth public application period held earlier this year.

"The board went through every application – all 50 of them – and discussed each one," Commissioner Kevin Overbay said. "Those applicants receiving ARPA dollars serve a variety of missions, from food distribution and housing projects to childcare and health programs. The money also will be used on projects and programs across Chelan County. I am really looking forward to seeing how these relief dollars impact our community."

ARPA provides local governments across the country COVID-relief money to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as communities across the country continue to recover from the pandemic.

The Board of County Commissioners previously decided to invest a portion of its overall \$14.9 million in ARPA funding into the community, allocating \$3 million in grants to local nonprofits and community agencies and up to \$1 million to small agricultural operations in Chelan County that could demonstrate a hardship created by COVID.

Chelan County received 50 community applications totaling more than \$17 million. Of the \$1 million originally set aside for small ag businesses, \$525,000 was allocated because only 11 eligible applicants applied. Ten applicants were awarded \$50,000 and another was awarded \$25,000

The \$475,000 balance was put toward additional funding for the community groups and programs. In addition, \$653,679 of ARPA monies also were allocated to the Chelan-Douglas Health District, to be spent on a variety of health district improvements, from infrastructure to programming. The remaining funds will be used for county programs and departments.

"It has taken us a year to decide how we would allocate the ARPA dollars, but we wanted to develop and follow a thoughtful process," Overbay said. "We always wish we could do more, but I am confident these monies will go a long way in our community."

Those community agencies and programs that received ARPA funding are:

- Chelan Douglas Community Action Council: \$162,500 was awarded to support the council's expansion of its food distribution center in Malaga.
- Chelan Valley Hope: \$277,900 was awarded to expand operations, including the food bank.
- Common Ground Community Housing Trust: \$350,000 was awarded to fund acquisition of land for single-family homes, duplexes and townhomes.
- Malaga-Colockum Community Council: \$160,000 was awarded to support infrastructure improvements to the Malaga Community Park.
- Our Valley Our Future: \$109,250 was awarded to support the coordination and completion of three largescale community initiatives related to regional housing; health, literacy and outcomes; and early care and education programs.
- Seven Acres Foundation: \$699,300 was awarded for the construction of the new Community Center at Lake Chelan.
- Small Miracles Community Outreach: \$33,750 was awarded to provide meals to children in the free or reduced school lunch program for meals during summer, spring and winter breaks.

- Community for the Advancement of Family Education: \$297,500 was awarded to support CAFÉ's expanded community center.
- Lake Chelan Lions Club Foundation: \$22,800 was awarded to purchase audiometers that will be used to detect hearing and vision problems in schoolage children and to provide community screenings for low-income and
- disadvantaged populations.

 Upper Valley MEND:
 \$350,000 was awarded to
 acquire workforce rental
 housing units in Leavenworth.
- • Wenatchee Valley YMCA: \$462,000 was awarded to the organization's capital campaign for a new facility.
- Youth Dynamics: \$75,000 was awarded, to be split between renovations at the group's Stonewater Chalet in Plain and outreach efforts.
- Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment: \$480,000 was awarded for land acquisition and construction on a new substance use disorder treatment facility in Chelan County.
- Chelan-Douglas Health District: \$653,679 was awarded for a variety of improvements, from infrastructure to programming.

Outdoor classroom at Wenatchee River Institute Dedication





PHOTOS BY CAROL FORHAN

The dedication was held on Thursday, December 8, and shown here to officially cut the ribbon for the new Wenatchee River Institute outdoor classroom are Laura Reichlin, WRI's Board President and past Leavenworth Rotary President Joel Walinski, standing in for current President Mike Worden. Outgoing Executive Director Carolyn Griffin-Bugert thanked everyone who helped with the project from funding to those who built it and volunteers who put in many hours of their time. The project would not have been possible without the many hours of donated time from local architect, Alison Miller and local structural engineering firm, Morrish Design. There was also great support from local businesses, Leavenworth Electric & Excavation and Wiley Construction and their crews. Executive Director Bugert also spoke about how the outdoor classroom will be used. New Executive Director Canuche Terranella will start his new position next week when Carolyn officially retires. The project was funded by a grant from Leavenworth Rotary with a matching grant from the District Rotary, and the Leavenworth Fund and lodging tax dollars support grants from the City of Leavenworth.





- 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.





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Contact the listed organizations or events for updates.

■ 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 &

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.leaveworthmasons.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.)

NCW Libraries

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

Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online Leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-7, Thurs., 10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat., 10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 509-548-7821 or Peshastin@ncwlibraries. org Open Tues.,10-1:30; and 2:30-7, Wed.,10-2, and 2:30-7, Thurs., and Fri.,1-5:30 and Sat., 10:00-2:00. Closed Sun. and Mon.

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 informa-

Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.

Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

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■ MEETING SCHEDULES FOR AA, **ALANON, CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

AA Meetings:

Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379 Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave. **Alanon Meetings**, call 509-548-7939

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.

Leavenworth

Merry Christmas Seniors

The Leavenworth Senior Center invites all community seniors to join us for a fun traditional ham and trimmings Christmas lunch, from 12-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21. Must call for a reservation by Friday, December 16. 509-548-6666. \$8 per meal. (These dates were revised).

Write a Letter to **Father Christmas**

Join the Leavenworth Library and the Greater Leavenworth Museum in celebrating our own Father Christmas, David Severance. Stop by the Library to view the Museum's exhibit on Father Christmas and the history of Leavenworth's Tree Lighting Ceremony. See the elegant robe and staff that

Father Christmas used in town. Paper and envelopes are available for community members to write a note of gratitude to Father Christmas. Cards and notes will be delivered on Christmas Eve.

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. Leavenworth Public Library is located at 700 Highway 2. For more information call 509-548-

Regional

The Cascadia **Conservation District**

Regular Board meeting will be an in person and call-in Zoom meeting, held on Friday, December 16, 1:30 p.m. If you wish to attend in person, please call the office as space is limited. More information and instructions will be available on our web site at cascadiacd.org or by calling the district office, 509-436-1601.



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Leavenworth Library

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may be checked out, but the more fragile, irreplaceable and self-published books are tagged as "Library Use Only" to best preserve and protect them. Massey is excited for this collection to continue growing.

Preserving local stories, voices, and experiences and making them available to current and future generations is a priority for NCW Libraries. In addition to this new collection in Leavenworth, NCW Libraries has a long tradition of gathering local history for the Northwest Collection, currently housed at Wenatchee Public Library. The collection features 5,407

books and materials about the district's 5 county service area as well as Washington in general. NCW Libraries website

offers many resources for connecting to local history including the Washington State Library's collection of digitized historic newspapers from across Washington state. The IRIS NCW Collection, a database of hundreds of oral histories, stories, and other content. The North Central Washington Heritage page of the Washington Rural Heritage site that documents the early culture, industry, and community life of Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, and Okanogan counties. All of these resources and more can be found at www.ncwlibraries. org/online-resources/. Visit the Leavenworth Public

Library to learn more about the Leavenworth Local History Collection.

About NCW Libraries: NCW Libraries mission is to $connect\ the\ people\ of\ North$ Central Washington to vital resources and opportunities that foster individual growth and strengthen communities. NCW Libraries operates 30 community libraries across Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan, and Ferry counties. *The organization provides* service to the region's most rural residents through a Mail Order Library service and two community Bookmobiles.

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. 2

00:05 Unknown-injury Accident, 18300 block Camp 12 Rd., Lake Wenatchee

00:39 Domestic Disturbance, 17600 block Chumstick Hwy. 05:45 Agency Assist, 330 Leonard Ln., Plain

09:39 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 10395 Peshastin Mill Rd., Peshastin

11:44 911-call, 309 8th St. Post Hotel 12:37 Public Assist, 1326 Commercial St.

14:15 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 9820 Eagle Creek Rd. 14:46 Agency Assist, 700 US Hwy. 2, City of Leavenworth 17:24 Non-injury Accident,

Chumstick Hwv. MP 3 17:24 Public Assist, 12200 block Chumstick Hwy. 23:37 DUI Arrest, 7502 Icicle

Dec. 3

00:16 Welfare Check, 505 US Hwy. 2, Icicle Village 01:29 Non-injury Accident,

Cemetery, and Icicle Roads 01:52 Diversion, 817 Commercial St. area 08:33 Alarm, 10515 Ski Hill Dr.

10:00 911-call, 505 US Hwy. 2, Icicle Village Quick Stop 11:51 Hazard, 10395 Chumstick

12:16 Welfare Check, 10495 Peshastin Mill Rd., Peshastin 13:03 Property, 590 US Hwy. 2, Enzian Motor Inn

14:38 Welfare Check, 17458 N. Shore Dr., Lake Wenatchee 17:02 Public Assist, 980 US Hwy. 2, Cashmere Valley

17:24 911-call, 100 Enchantment Park Way 18:08 Mission Person, 820 Front

St., Gazebo Park 18:43 Harassment/ Threat, 9257 E. Leavenworth Rd. 19:16 Diversion, US Hwy. 97,

and US Hwy. 2, Peshastin

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Dec. 4

00:24 Suspicious Circumstance, 12572 Maple St. 00:51 Welfare Check, 309 8th St., Post Hotel

03:18 Domestic Disturbance, 15361 US Hwy. 2, 59er Diner, Lake Wenatchee

12:21 Diversion, 100 Ward Strasse 12:41 Diversion, 4637 US Hwy.

97, Peshastin 14:34 Animal Problem, 1032 Commercial St. 20:25 Domestic Disturbance, 64

Pingrey Ln., Plain 21:09 Domestic Disturbance, 810 US Hwy. 2, Bavarian Lodge

21:20 Property, 980 US Hwy. 2, Cashmere Valley Bank

Dec. 5

08:19 Public Assist, 8333 River View Rd., Peshastin 09:22 Property, 700 block Front

09:55 Welfare Check, 18 Avalanche Ln., Lake Wenatchee 10:05 Public Assist, 1326 Commercial St.

11:52 Non-injury Accident, Camp 12 Rd., and Spur St.,

12:33 Harassment/ Threat, 585 US Hwy. 2, Icicle Quick Stop 12:38 Property, 700 US Hwy. 2, City of Leavenworth

14:51 Property, 694 US Hwy. 2

15:33 Harassment/ Threat, 10190 Chumstick Hwy. 21:08 Traffic Offense, Sherbourne St. and US Hwy. 2

Dec. 6

08:01 Alarm, 23336 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee

09:08 Vehicle Prowl, 100 Ward Strasse 10:38 Unknown-injury Accident,

12570 Ranger Rd. 12:33 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 585 US Hwy. 2, Icicle

Quick Stop 13:01 Non-injury Accident, 16537 Lakeview Dr., Lake Wenatchee

16:40 Welfare Check, 2540 Sumac Ln., Lake Wenatchee

17:53 Traffic Offense, Ward Strasse and Zelt Strasse area 18:53 Animal Problem, 24602 Spur St., Plain

17:46 Property, 520 Pine St.

19:03 Suspicious Circumstance, 817 Commercial St. 19:40 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, Front, and 9th Streets

Dec. 7

01:19 Alarm, 960 US Hwy. 2 07:40 Harassment/ Threat, 817 Commercial St.

12:20 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 10 block Ski Blick Strasse 13:08 Public Assist, 8333 River

View Rd., Peshastin 14:00 911-call, 309 8th St., Post Hotel 14:34 Juvenile Problem, 9342

Icicle Rd. 14:57 Animal Problem, 3234 Allen Ln., Peshastin

15:35 Civil Dispute, 8891 Derby Canyon Rd., Peshastin 18:32 Suspicious Circum-

stance, 11685 US Hwy. 2, Sage Mountain Foods 20:19 Agency Assist, 3262 Allen

Ln., Peshastin 21:28 Property, 920 Front St., Wok About Grill 22:30 Suspicious Circumstance,

Pine, and Orchard Streets

Dec. 8

07:16 Juvenile Problem, Chumstick Hwy. MP 4 area 08:29 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 5611 Campbell Rd., Peshastin

10:08 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, River View Rd.,

Peshastin 13:59 Agency Assist, Leavenworth area 15:08 Welfare Check, 116 River

Bend Dr., Safeway 16:40 CPS/ APS Referral, 330 Prospect St. 16:49 Traffic Offense, Tumwater

Dr., and Mine St. 17:24 Public Assist, 940 US

Hwy. 2 18:43 Traffic Offense, US Hwy.

2. and 9th St.

20:25 Burglary, 720 Birch St.

OBITUARY

Lydia (Ann Dodrill

May 2, 1923 -**December 4, 2022**

Lydia Ann Dodrill passed away Sunday, December 4, 2022, she was 99 years

She was born Lydia Ann Ahlemeier to Oscar H. Ahlemeier and Lydia E. Sands on May 2, 1923, in Poland, Indiana. Lydia grew up in Indiana and graduated from Tefft School on her 18th On October birthday. 26, 1940, she married Fay Dodrill. In the 1950s Lydia and Fay moved to the Peshastin-Dryden area where they made their home and started Fay's Shell Station (what is now

BJ's Shell Station). Lydia packed fruit at several fruit warehouses, worked at a few shops in Leavenworth, and volunteered her time at many church and community events.

Lydia is survived by her son Rich (Kellie) Dodrill, 4 grandsons, 4 granddaughters, numerous great-grandchildren, all of the Leavenworth, Peshastin, Dryden and Cashmere area. She is preceded in death by her husband, Fay, a son, LeRoy, and two daughters, Norma, and Janie.

The viewing will be held at Jones & Jones -



Betts Funeral Home in Wenatchee on Thursday, December 15 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. A memorial will be held at the Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene on Friday, December 16, at 1 p.m.

OBITUARY

David P. Kane

March 31, 1940 - November 14, 2022

Dave Kane, a lifetime resident of the Wenatchee Valley, passed suddenly at his home with his wife Sally by his side. Dave was born in the St. Anthony's Hospital in Wenatchee on March 31, 1940, to Albert E Kane and Ruth Atwood Kane. "Baby brother Dave" joined older brother Ed and sisters Ruth and Marian at the Kane home in the Stemilt Creek area. Dave married Sally Matilla in 1963 in Cashmere. A daughter, Jody Ann, was born.

Dave attended South Wenatchee Grade school and graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1957. He enjoyed his employment while working on the construction of the fish ladder on Rock Island Dam and commuting daily to work on the construction of Wanapum Dam; and working at Kane Brothers Concrete. He completed a commitment with United States Air Force/

Washington National Guard.

The family moved to Orondo in 1969 and became involved in orcharding and continued to farm there for 43 years. Dave retired from orcharding in 2012 and moved to the family cabin at Lake Wenatchee.

Dave was known for his kind and generous nature, warm and contagious laughs and almost epic storytelling abilities, as well as his readiness to share a treasured collection of stories and jokes. His affectionate, loving hugs and firm, hearty handshakes will be missed. The family would like to give special thanks to Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue for their quick



response. Their dedication, commitment, professionalism was greatly appreciated. Any memorials in Dave's name can be addressed to LWFR 21696 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Leavenworth WA. 98826. At Dave's request, there will be no services. You are invited to view Dave's online tribute at chapelofthevalleyncw.com where you can share a memory or condolences.

2022 Stanley Lifetime Achievement Award winners announced

Submitted by Numerica PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Wenatchee Numerica Performing Arts Center is proud to announce the 2022 Stanley Lifetime Achievement Award winners: Rhona Baron as the recipient in the professional division and Daina Toevs as the recipient in

Baron and Toevs were honored at the Numerica Festival of Trees' productions of Holiday Spice on December 1 and 2 at the Numerica PAC, sponsored by Community Glass and Marilyn Everhart.

the volunteer division.

The Stanley Lifetime Achievement Awards were designed in 2002 to honor the life-long arts and cultural commitment of Mr. Bob Stanley. The winners are honored at Holiday Spice.

Rhona Baron -**Professional Division**

Rhona Baron artist multidisciplinary who grew up surrounded by art and nature in Coos Bay, Oregon. Deeply influenced by her early years, Rhona's dedicated her artistic career to the transformative power of nature and art, rather than art for art's sake alone.

Holding a degree in Fine Art, Rhona worked for Wenatchee/Okanagon National Forest as an interpretive illustrator and designer in the 1990s. Her large illustrations can be viewed at Nason Creek Campground and other locations. Rhona's accomplishments include singing lead with the acapella group Mixed Company, teaching voice in the Wenatchee Valley, creating sing-along "edutainment" for the Wenatchee River Salmon Festival, directing the choir at Faith Lutheran Church in Leavenworth, and host of "Icicle Jazz" on KOHO radio.

At the age of 47, Rhona trained to become among the first Zumba instructors in Washington State. Going a step further, she was inspired by Zumba's Latin styles to choreograph and co-create Dancing With Birds, a Latin dance and visual art troupe that educated bi-cultural audiences about migratory birds. Currently, Rhona serves as the Artistic Director and Producer of Dangerous Women, a regional artist's collaborative that brings the forgotten stories of women from history to life on stage. In



SUBMITTED PHOTO. Rhona Baron

2022, Dangerous Women staged their third, all-original, themed production. The most racially diverse production ever staged in North Central WA, the show features the Native American perspective. Rhona's position with Dangerous Women pushes her to utilize her full array of artistic skills to do what she loves best—uniting, educating, and inspiring the community through the arts.

Daina Toevs - Volunteer Division

Daina Toevs is a product of her upbringing. Her parents, Phyllis and Gerald Goecke, brought classical, secular, and



Daina Toevs

SUBMITTED PHOTO.

- of course - Broadway music into their home, so Daina has been drawn to music since childhood. In college, she developed her own love of jazz, and she has since sung with Easy Money in Wenatchee and Kind of Blue in Spokane. Daina has been involved with the Wenatchee Valley theater scene since 1996, with her first show being Most Happy Fella. Being on stage and directing has been her greatest passion. As an actor first, Daina finds joy working with others to create the magic only felt on the stage. Over time, she has expanded her wings to touch all areas of theater life including directing, acting,

costuming, producing, set building, lighting, theater parenting, and more.

Through theater and the arts, Daina hopes to enrich the lives of audiences and other artists. Daina states, "We learn so much when we participate in the arts. Group responsibility, sense of community, endurance, diversity, teamwork, and interpersonal communication skills. To participate in the atmosphere of creative joy is an experience unmatched!".

Daina Toevs has been married to her husband Ken for 42 years. They have two grown children Jacob and Katelin, who have wonderful spouses and brought them three delightful grandchildren.

Former Stanley Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

Stanley Lifetime Achievement Award Winner is someone who has left a profoundly positive and lasting impression on the arts in Central Washington. Baron and Toevs join a list of local legacy lifetime achievement winners:

Professional Division: Rhona Baron (2022), Tracy Trotter (2021), Melissa Miller-Port (2019), Suzanne Carr (2018), Leslie McEwen (2017), Scott Bailey (2016), Terry Valdez (2015), Dan Jackson (2014), Keith Sexson (2013), Tamera Lopushinsky (2012), Glenn Kelley (2011), Jan Cook Mack (2010), John & Susan Wagner (2009), Harriett Bullitt (2008), Beth Jensen (2007), Sherry Krebs (2006), Pam Cole (2005), Richard Lapo (2004), Edward Sands (2003), Joan Shelton Mason (2002), Ruth Allan (2002)

Volunteer Division: Daina Toevs (2022), Katy Marr (2021), Ford & Marlys Barrett (2019), Cynthia Brown (2018), Gina Jans (2017), Ron Lodge (2016), Adele Wolford (2015), Marilyn Everhart (2014), Sue Lawson (2013), Rudi Pauly (2012), Terry Johnson (2011), Sherry Schreck (2010), Paul Atwood (2009), Harriett Bullitt (2008), Glenn Isaacson (2007), Arlene Jones (2006), Jane Hensel (2005), Gary Montague (2004), Wilfred & Kathy Woods

The Numerica Performing *Arts Center at the Stanley* Civic Center is a non-profit organization and naming partner with the Numerica Credit Union.

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Autumn Leaf Festival Officers for 2023



From left to right: Cindy Puckett, Vice President, Jessie Swider, President and Cindy Hassinger, Treasurer. JoAnne Prusa: Secretary (not pictured). Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Go to www.wastalfa.og for locations. Meetings are open to all, and we would love to see you there.

Give blood with Red Cross ahead of hectic holiday weeks

\$10 Amazon.com Gift Card or T-shirt for donors this month

SUBMITTED BY BETSY ROBERTSON

As more people make travel plans to celebrate with family and friends this year, the American Red Cross asks donors to set aside a time to give blood for patients waiting for care over the holidays.

Throughout the season, several factors can disrupt the ability of the Red Cross to collect enough blood for patients across the country.

- · Travel: According to a recent study, nearly half of Americans plan to travel over the holidays this year, which may negatively impact the blood supply if fewer people come out to donate.
- Seasonal illness: The U.S. is seeing a rise in respiratory illnesses like the flu and RSV, which can decrease the availability of healthy donors.
- Weather: Parts of the country have already seen storms bring several feet of snow this year. Winter weather often leads to hazardous road conditions, canceling blood drives and making it dangerous for donors to venture out to give.

It's important for donors especially type O blood donors and platelet donors - to give now to ensure hospitals have the blood they need through the end of the year. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you, all who come to give blood through Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon.* Those who come to give Dec. 16-Jan. 2 will get a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Rotary 3

LEAVENWORTH ROTARY NEWS



DONORS WILL RECEIVE A \$10 AMAZON GIFT CARD



Upcoming blood donation opportunities

Chelan: Dec. 21, 1 - 6 p.m., United Methodist Church Chelan, 206 North Emerson

Wenatchee: Dec. 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Kings Orchard Church of Christ, 1610 Orchard Ave. and Dec. 23, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Pybus Market, 7 N. Worthern St.

East Wenatchee: Dec. 20, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Eastmont Parks, 230 N. Georgia Ave. and Dec. 22, 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 1315

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Cross Donor Blood App, visit 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

Cascade High School's list for

Punctuality. She is involved

in a wide variety of activities

and clubs including FBLA,

Interact, Speech & Debate,

Drama, Culinary, and

Sustainability. She was also

a cast member in our latest

drama production, "The

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only punctual and

involved but also a straight A

student taking challenging

classes.

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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 or use the Blood Donor App.

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, checkin and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive

more information

About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes $international\ humanitarian$ aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the $generosity\ of\ the\ American$ public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross. org or CruzRojaAmericana. org, or visit us on Twitter at @ RedCross.

Exciting Prospects

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dates back, at least in part, to 1910, beginning as a Great Northern Railway depot. Interestingly, the building was then used by a garden club and got sold to the Grange and moved to its current location, with the addition of a basement, in the 30's.

UVHS would like to work with local architect Todd Smith of Syndicate Smith to ensure the building, despite its age, has integrity so that upgrades are within reach of UVHS, a nonprofit.

UVHS members are hopeful as they wait to hear back about grants to cover the majority of the feasibility study costs. In a statement about the feasibility study, Syndicate Smith outlined key items to be determined, including existing conditions, and needs related to ADA access, occupancy change, seismic soundness, moisture/

water intrusion, mechanical/ energy qualifications, use/ circulation, and compliance with the Bavarian theme.

Gray said that ADA compliance will likely require installation of an elevator.

It sounds a bit daunting, but there are vocal supporters exploring this idea, including Margaret Neighbors, UVHS member and former city council member. "We need to know what, specifically, can be done with the site and building to ensure its historical integrity and serve both the Grange and the museum," said Neighbors.

"We can think of no greater way to preserve our heritage than to save a valuable historic landmark, which currently houses the Chumstick Grange. This building represents the City of Leavenworth in its early heyday. It should be preserved to highlight that pre-Bavarianization era. If nothing is done, there is a very real potential that the building could be razed and replaced with more apartments and retail shops, and that would be a shame."

The Grange includes empty hillside property to the east and west. Cade shared thoughts of how those spaces could be used. "UVHS's plans include adding a new structure to exhibit a fully restored 1939 Ford fire engine purchased by the City of Leavenworth [its sole owner]. Other plans include an outdoor amphitheater for plays, presentations, movies, and community meetings."

Truly, UVHS and the Greater Leavenworth Museum. with these ambitious ideas, are living up to their adopted slogan of "a museum on the

"I'm awestruck but also excited to see what will happen," said Gray. "It's going to take time and patience. Communicating with the community is key."



Hawkins

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represents an important step forward in what will likely be a multi-year community process, said Hawkins, who serves the 12th district . "I hope the Legislature will grant our area authority to form the district while we continue to thoughtfully consider and collect public input on our future facilities.'

What supporters of SB 5001 are saying:

Mayor Crawford, City of East Wenatchee

"The Wenatchee Valley has a long history of thoughtful collaboration for the betterment of our entire region. The Legislature's support of this bill will give us yet another opportunity to come together collectively to provide quality of life resources for our citizens."

Mayor Frank Kuntz, City of Wenatchee

"This legislation, if passed, gives the voters of our region a chance to make huge improvements to parks and recreation in our community. Thank you, Senator Hawkins for taking the lead."

Commissioner Baldwin, Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority

"The Regional Port would like to recognize Senator Hawkins' leadership in seeking legislative authority to establish a Regional Aquatics Center & Sports Complex by amending the existing Public Facilities District statute. The greater Wenatchee area has many positive attributes: however, one missing element is a Regional Aquatics Center.

Bob Bugert, Chelan County Commissioner

appreciate Hawkins' forethought and support as the communities in Chelan County begin to explore the idea of a regional aquatic center and sports complex. A collaborative dialogue and a shared commitment of funding of the economic impact assessment are the first steps of many more to come. It is important that local leaders do our homework, including amending the existing Public Facilities District statute, so voters can eventually make an informed decision on such a large community investment."

Rachel Madson, Velocity Swimming President

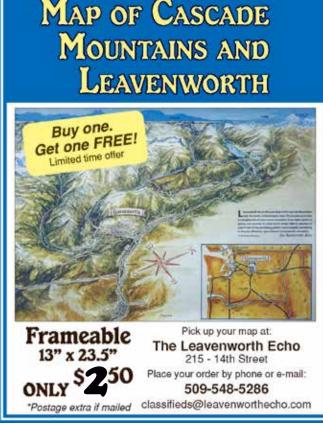
"Velocity Swimming is incredibly thankful to Senator Hawkins for recognizing the need for both an aquatic facility as well as a future sportsplex in our community. Competitive swimming in our valley has been hosting some of the state's largest summer swim meets at the City of Wenatchee pool for over 40 years bringing in generous hospitality revenue to our area. The creation of a regional facility such as this would allow us to host even larger meets yearround with the potential of higher-level USA Swimming sponsored events bringing in athletes from multiple states. Additionally, a large aquatic center could render additional recreational opportunities as well as swim lessons, water fitness, occupational and physical rehab and lifeguard training programs."

The 2023 Legislative session begins on January 9 and is expected to last 105 days.











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Cascade Pipe And Feed Supply is hiring for a Stihl sales and service Technician/ Snow plow sales and service.

If so, email your resume

manager@skitheloup.com

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qualifications a plus but not mandatory Requirements *To obtain Stihl Technician certifications *To obtain Snow Plow

certifications Job Description Sales and service on all Stihl power equipment Sales and service on all Boss Snow plow equipment

*Managing a service schedule on customer equipment Creating quotes, orders, and purchasing parts. Email resume to

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includes opportunities for overtime. The position includes a state retirement system, with a deferred comp program available. Health insurance package includes Medical, Dental, Vision and county contributions to a personal

health savings account. Typical work schedule is four 10-hour days during the summer and five 8-hour days in the winter. Includes 10 holidays and 3 floating personal holidays.

This position requires a Washington State Driver's License, Class A CDL with Tanker Endorsement. We prefer candidates have current First Aid/CPR and flagging cards, but we will work with you to obtain within 4 months of employment. Applications and a detailed job description are available at the Chelan County Human Resources Career

Opportunities page: https://www.co.chelan. wa.us/human-resources/ jobs

The application, letter of interest and resume must be returned to the Chelan County Human Resources Department, 400 Douglas Street, Suite #201, Wenatchee, WA., 98801, or emailed to

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PROJECT INFORMATION: Notice to Bidders: Upper Valley MEND is currently soliciting bids from licensed contractors for the replacement of the roof surface at our Community Cupboard food bank building, 219 14th Street in Leavenworth, WA. SCOPE OF WORK:

The selected contractor will conduct all necessary prep work and replace the existing roof surface with a fully waterproof replacement material. replacement material should be warrantied for at least 20 years and rated for prevailing local weather conditions.

THE BIDS SHALL INCLUDE: assessment of contractor's approach

completing the work. The total cost of all the work to

be performed. · A projected time schedule of the work. The work should be completed by July 1st. 2023.

Please note: Federal law requires that this contract be paid at prevailing wage rates.

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4 PM (PST) ON DECEMBER 30TH, 2022

Please complete the attached form and return to Bob Mark, Human Services Director at bob@uvmend.org or send to Bob Mark. Human Services Director. PO Box 772, Leavenworth, WA 98826.

Questions should be directed to Bob Mark at bob@uvmend.org. You can find this form online at: https://www.uvmend.org/press-rel eases-and-articles.

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Public Notices

CITY OF CASHMERE NOTICE OF APPLICATION SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT. AND ADOPTION OF DNS**

Project Name: Goodwin Road Improvement Project, CRP 726 Application Number: Shoreline Substantial Development Permit 2022-004

Date Notice of Application **Issued:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Date of Application: November 24, 2022

Name of Applicant: Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority Location: Chelan County Parcel # 23-19-05-110-500, in the City of Cashmere. Washington on Sunset Hwy. Also 47.52193349 N lat. -120.47937857 W long.

Description of Proposal: To reconstruct Goodwin Road from Milepost 0.00 to 0.14, a section of Sunset Highway from milepost 0.54 to 0.90 and its intersection with Evergreen Road. Specifically, for this SSD permit, a stormwater infiltration facility is necessary within the city to manage stormwater runoff from the improvements. The stormwater infiltration facility is oblong shaped with it being approximately 125 to 175 feet long by 32 to 53 feet in width and 3 feet deep.

The portion of the undeveloped parcel is within 200 feet of the Wenatchee River and owned by the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority. This facility is designed to collect not only stormwater runoff from the Goodwin Road Improvement Project, but also any future development of the site.

Permits Required for Approval: Shoreline Substantial Development, SEPA

Existing Environmental **Documents: JARPA**

SEPA Adoption:

The City of Cashmere has determined that a SEPA DNS issued on October 18, 2022 by the Chelan County Public Works Department, acting as the lead agency, is appropriate for this after independent proposal review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker. This document not been challenged or

SEPA Determination: City of Cashmere has determined that this proposal will not have a and others from severe probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

This determination is based on following findings conclusions:

Mitigation measures have been proposed that reduce impacts to surface water, water quality, spill prevention, and other worksite The project will be designed using the WSDT Highway Runoff Manual and Ecology's Stormwater Management manual for Eastern

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on January 12. 2023.

Statement of Public Comment Period: The 30-day comment period commences Wednesday, December 14, 2023, and lasts through January 12, 2023. Any interested party has the right to comment on the proposal, request a copy of the decision once it is made, and may appeal the decision subject to the requirements of the CMC Title 14.11.010. Appeal Administrative Interpretations and Approvals.

Statement **Preliminary Determination:** The development regulations that will be used for project mitigation and to provide consistency with the type of land use for the proposed site, are outlined in Titles 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18. The project must also comply with the City of Cashmere Shoreline Management Program and the Fill and Excavation policies and regulations within Section 5.9.

City Contact Person: For further information about this project, please contact Tammy Miller, Director of Planning & Building, at 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815, (509) 782-3513, email:

Tammy@cityofcashmere.org Responsible Official: Tammy Miller, Director of Planning &

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'Tis the season to save on holiday essentials

STATEPOINT holiday season, stretch your budget when shopping for gifts, including toys and stocking stuffers, as well as last-minute needs, meal prep and more!

Spend more time creating memories and less time preparing with a few tips from experts at Dollar General.

Joyful Gifts One of the best parts of the holidays may be seeing the excited reaction of someone opening a gift, especially children. Save on some of America's most popular name brand toys at Dollar General, which recently announced an enhanced 2022 toy selection from popular brands such as Melissa & Doug, LEGO, Fisher-Price, VTech, Play-Doh, Barbie, Pokémon, L.O.L. Surprise! ZURU 5 Surprise and more. Most toys are priced at \$10 or less. Another option for the person who has everything is a gift card. Available at neighborhood stores, gift



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The holidays are often synonymous with family meals, get together with friends and coworkers and seasonal dishes.

cards provide the recipient and sprinkle throughout the with various ways to enjoy your thoughtfulness!

Dashing Décor transform the home, consider choosing one holiday color palette to stay consistent in each room. Color options may include gold and silver, various shades of green, red, and green or blue and silver. Next, shop for decorations in your preferred palette

home. Ornaments, bows, ribbons, and stockings aren't just for the tree and fireplace. Add accents to the kitchen table, front porch, living room surfaces and everywhere else for more holiday spirit throughout the home.

Festive Food The holidays are often synonymous with family meals, get together with friends and coworkers and seasonal dishes. For all household essentials, such as canned foods, milk, bread, eggs, baking items and more, consider shopping at a discount retailer to save in one convenient shopping trip. Additionally, consider using healthier variations of the season's comforting and tasty dishes with DG Better for You recipes found at dollargeneral.com. Created by a registered dietician and nutritionist, these recipes include options like risotto and hamburger soup and all use ingredients available at every Dollar General store. The holidays are a busy time for everyone but keep your sights on the essentials! Simplify shopping by creating a signature theme for your home décor, finding deals on gifts for everyone on your list, and serving something easy and delicious for the whole crew. Plan ahead this year and enjoy the extra time you'll have celebrating the season with friends and family.

Flu and the holiday season: What you need to know

STATEPOINT - December flu illness. Here's what to through March is typically peak influenza (flu) season, though this season is off to an earlier start, with high activity currently across the country. While common, flu is a potentially serious and highly contagious respiratory illness.

In time for holiday travel and festivities, a new American Lung Association campaign funded by CLS Seqirus aims to educate Americans about the flu and steps they can take protect themselves

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Who is impacted by flu? Flu can affect anyone, however, certain communities are at higher risk of severe illness and complications, such as those living with chronic medical conditions including chronic lung disease, heart disease and diabetes. During past flu seasons, approximately 90% of flurelated hospitalizations were among adults with at least one underlying medical condition. During the 2021-22 flu season,

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approximately 30% of hospitalizations were among adults with chronic lung disease. People from certain racial and ethnic minority groups are also at higher risk for being hospitalized with flu compared to non-Hispanic white adults. • What will this year's flu season look like? Flu activity was relatively low the last two flu seasons, but it causes a significant burden every winter. Seasonal influenza activity is already elevated and continues to increase across the country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as of early December, there have been at least 8.7 million illnesses and 78,000 hospitalizations.

• How can I protect myself? While covering your cough, washing your hands frequently and staying home when you're sick can help stop the spread of flu, the very best way to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community is with vaccination. The flu shot is recommended on an annual basis for everyone 6 months of age and older and can be given at the same time as COVID-19 vaccination. Flu vaccination is especially important for people with chronic lung disease and other chronic health conditions. Speak with your healthcare provider to learn more about influenza and annual vaccination.

· When should I see a doctor? If you do get sick. call your doctor as soon as possible for diagnosis and treatment -- especially if you're at high risk for complications. You should also consult your doctor if you have complications such as difficulty breathing, chest pains or a cough persisting for weeks or months after other symptoms go away.

To learn more, visit Lung. org/prevent-flu.

Before you gather with loved ones for the holidays, take steps to protect them from flu. Practice good health habits and get your annual vaccination as early as possible.

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65. Miner's bounty 67. Female sheep

The Washington Outdoors Report

Stay safe on the ice

By John Kruse

I drove down to Meadow Lake this week. It's a small irrigation reservoir surrounded by orchards near Malaga. The lake was frozen over and from the footprints left in the snow I could see two intrepid souls had ventured about 15 yards out onto the ice-covered lake before coming back to shore.

When it comes to walking on ice covered lakes or rivers my number one rule has always been, "Never be the first one out on the ice". I lived at a nearby lake, Three Lakes, for several vears and remember one winter day venturing halfway across the lake on the ice when I heard a loud CRACK!! in the area I was walking. Needless to say, I shuffled back the way I had come and didn't venture out onto the ice again for a couple more weeks.

There are better ways to stay safe on the ice and it's important to do so because falling through the ice into the water can lead to hypothermia and drowning. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has these suggestions when it comes to staying safe:

Ice needs to be a minimum of four inches thick to walk on. Use an auger or chainsaw to measure it and make multiple holes to check as you work your way out to where you plan to fish.

Never fish alone. Spread members of your party out to avoid too much weight on one area of ice.

Bring a spare set of clothes just in case, and a game plan on how you will rescue someone if they do go in.

Consider purchasing ice picks- steel spikes connected by a cord and worn around the neck. In the event that someone falls in, they can be driven into the ice to offer a stable handhold for the person to pull themselves

out. They are very inexpensive. Floating rope to throw to someone who has fallen into the water. Get a long length as ice near the edge of a hole can be fragile and continue to break off.

Some people purchase spud bars; a long piece of steel with a tapered point that can be driven into the ice to determine how thick it is without having to drill multiple holes with an auger.

Ice cleats are inexpensive and can save you from bumps and bruises from falling on slick ice.

Looking for more information about how thick the ice the ice should be? The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has published a good guide to follow that says:

- 4 inches is the minimum safe thickness to be on the ice or to go ice fishing
- 5 6 inches of ice is needed to support ATVs or snowmobiles.
- 8 12 inches of ice is needed before you can safely drive onto the ice with a car or small truck
- 12 15 inches of ice is the minimum if you have a medium-sized truck

At Three Lakes it was common to see folks walking around the lake after it iced up, skating, cross country skiing and ice fishing too. As a matter of fact, ice fishing is a sport enjoyed by many hardy enthusiasts in North Central and Eastern Washington. If you are wondering where to go to catch trout, perch or other species



here are a few suggestions from WDFW:

Stevens County: Lake Gillette, Lake Thomas, Coffin, Heritage, Jump Off Joe, Pierre, Waitts and Williams Lake. Hatch Lake is normally on this list but was rehabilitated this year.

Ferry County: Curlew Lake is an excellent destination for perch and there is no limit on them here. You will also catch rainbow trout and may luck into a tiger muskie.

Chelan County: Roses Lake in Manson is good for both trout and panfish. Fish Lake west of Leavenworth is a perennial favorite for both yellow perch along with rainbow and brown trout.

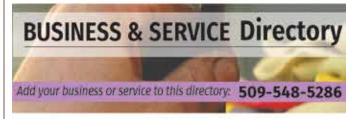
Okanogan County: This county is full of lakes to fish in the winter. Some of the more popular ice fishing destinations here include Rat Lake as well Patterson, Bonaparte, Palmer, Sidley and Molson Lakes. Sidley Lake hosts an ice fishing tournament every year, sponsored by the Oroville Chamber of Commerce. This year's 18th annual Northwest Ice Fishing Festival is scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 14. Contact the Oroville Chamber for further details about this event.

Ice fishing isn't for everyone, but if you are bundled up and can stay warm and catch some fish while you are at it, you just may want to give it a go. And now, you know how to do so in a safe manner.

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The Action Whistle

By Rhona Baron

The last Whistle blew long and strong for a more comprehensive, altruistic, and diverse membership on the Leavenworth Planning Commission. This week, the Whistle is blowing to petition the Planning Commission and City Council take a step back to view the big picture and the impact of multiple changes they've made to Leavenworth's codes in the past three years. Like Old Faithful, we will keep blowing until good ideas and legitimate concerns get traction at City Hall.

To begin with, conflict of interest issues should be talked about. You know, out loud.

Were you aware that preapproved ADU plans are being promoted on the city's dime, and that sales and downstream opportunities line the pockets of past and current members of the Planning Commission? At the same time, ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units) are rapidly evolving from affordable housing opportunities for locals into moneymaking, short term rentals (B&Bs). A current planning commissioner and a councilmember are in the process of converting their own ADU's into overnight rentals. And still, regulation of the number of B&Bs has not made the PC docket for discussion?

How convenient. While we

are on the topic of conflict of interest, we blow faithfully over the universally disliked multiplex-type place on Stafford. People, please! It was built by a former Planning Commisioner using "zero lot line" code he recommended, the same fellow who brought the community the Pine Grass Development.

Development like this is understandable. While you are busy navigating your day to day, people who have been given political power by the mayor and council are doing the same. They are in business, and they are conducting business. I'm not sure we can blame them, but if the appointment process and Mayor favor those in the business of making profit from dense development, maybe it's time everyone took a breath to talk about what the Planning Commission can be instead of what it has become. In the city's own language, that group must strive for "diversity." Let's be clear, we've reviewed the laws and strictly speaking, the City's Development Services Director, who sets the tone for conflict of interest, has not broken it. However, we'd like to point out that "letter of the law" is considered a minimum standard for behavior all across the United States. The lowest bar. Would it be possible to establish a higher bar, one that puts the public before private business when we're talking about

representative government? Here's an example of why

the PC matters. Currently, the Planning Commission has alley improvement and maintenance at the top of their to-do list. You heard right, not roads, which are potholed ankle twisters, virtually impossible to navigate for people in wheel chairs and visual eyesores. Yes, you've told us you care about streets, but the PC is making recommendations on unimproved alleys being upgraded for primary access, which would assist all those ADU's going up in back yards. You know the ones that can transition to an unlimited number of B&B's.

According to the Public Works Director, it will cost about \$1.5 million to improve all the alleys to the extent the PC is considering and will take approximately \$100,000 per year once the alleys are improved to maintain them. This alley work will compete with current road funds. Meaning it will compete with the much-needed improvements to current city streets!

We've been thinking about what can be done now. For starters, there is a single position on the Planning Commission that has remained empty for over half a year.

Therefore, only six people are guiding the complex planning process that affects the entire village, whereas there should be seven. We suggest actively looking for and filling that open position

with someone who has a more altruistic motivation for serving.

The Whistle

Of course, this person should be familiar with development, codes, and the community, but since the word DIVERSITY is a mandate for choosing PC membership, perhaps the mayor would consider actually following his own guideline and considering a candidate who favors affordable housing AND has a more comprehensive view of the big picture.

You can do something right now, too. Our community needs to comment NOW on the 2023 docket that is being established in the next month. We urge you to attend Planning Commission and City Council meetings right away. Let your preferences be heard. Or don't, and allow the current trajectory that favors a developer driven agenda to keep rolling. You'll find meeting times on the city's website under "City Calendar and Events." Find us at LWhistle. com. And please take your current survey on the bottom of the front page of the online version of the Echo. Yours faithfully, The Whistle Team.

PUD commissioners see benefits of joining regional utility group

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL HANSEN

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WENATCHEE - Chelan PUD commissioners unanimously voted to join a Northwest resource adequacy program that will increase the value of hydropower, promote selfsufficiency among member utilities, and ensure that the region has the capacity to weather potential energy shortfalls in the future.

The Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) is the first reliability planning and compliance program in the Northwest, and it's been in the works since 2019. About 26 utilities from Canada to northern California are participating in the voluntary, non-binding phase of WRAP. The idea is to avoid energyrelated emergencies, as seen in California and Texas in recent

years. The Pacific Northwest typically produces abundant energy supply, but there are warning signs of a less certain future ahead: Increased demand for electricity, the rise of intermittent renewables like wind and solar, increased regulatory requirements, and more large-load industries moving to the West.

WRAP has asked utilities to join the binding phase over the next several years, which means that utilities have guaranteed first priority to purchase energy from other member utilities in the event of a critical shortage. It also means that utilities may be subject to penalties if they don't meet capacity requirements. The cost of joining is about \$185,000 in the first year, and \$150,000 annually.

The benefits of WRAP are

Increased reliability as dozens of utilities coordinates a diverse portfolio of energy resources across a large geographical footprint. If one area is hard hit by a heat wave or cold snap, utilities can tap into an emergency supply of energy from WRAP instead of relying on the increasingly volatile energy market.

Increased value of capacity, which is the ability to meet peak demand. That means hydropower is well-positioned to become more valuable because of its flexible, 24/7 availability.

Joining WRAP voluntarily makes legislative mandates less likely. Supporting the WRAP may increase the chance of success of future organized markets, which has had over 20 participants from the PNW to the Desert Southwest. A resource adequacy program is a standard feature of an organized market. If Chelan PUD joins a future organized market, the organized market

will most likely have similar rules to WRAP.

Joining WRAP would allow Chelan PUD to have a lower planning reserve margin. That means Chelan PUD may have more energy available to sell and maintain low customer rates. "If it doesn't work out the way we anticipate, we can exit the program with a two-year notice at any time," said Shawn Smith, Managing Director of Energy Resources.

In other news, commissioners: Approved the 2023 budget with a bottom line of \$102.7 million, and \$495.9 million in total expenditures including \$182.9 million in capital expenditures. Approved a motion to move forward with an estimated \$30 million project to improve fire resiliency along the Beverly-McKenzie transmission line in the Leavenworth-Plain area. Heard a preview of the upcoming state legislative session.