



Leavenworth Accordion Festival 2022



PHOTO BY ERIN MULLINS.
 Accordion players of all ages taking some advice from instructors at the Gazebo event at the Front Street Park on Saturday, June 18th.



PHOTO BY ERIN MULLINS.
 Accordion players enjoy a short parade to the Festhalle. Free and paid events took place at the Gazebo, Festhalle and the Grange during the Festival from June 16-19th.

Community Members express swim team concerns at City Council Meeting

By: ERIN MULLINS
 Reporter

Over 20 community members packed the Leavenworth City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 14 to discuss the future of Leavenworth Swim Team, with an additional eleven attendees on the Zoom. Fifteen community members spoke up in person and three over Zoom about the future of the Leavenworth Swim Team.

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.

The Leavenworth Swim Team faced a \$2,500 deficit for the upcoming season due to a five dollar per hour raise to lifeguards and a steep cost increase in the online swimming timing app Swimmingly, said Fiano. A fundraising benefit was held at Yodelin on June 16 where 20 percent of all sales were donated to the swim team.

During the benefit, a kids' talent show was held, and different kids showed their musical talents. But money isn't the only issue. Both Fiano and head coach Brian Decker, who owns Decker Design, feel that so far, the city has not been communicating ideally with the team.

"I would oversimplify the issue by saying that the city has not been really as willing to give the swim team what they need and be a service to their client," said Decker in a follow up interview. "I'm a business owner, and I say that I make my money by serving the clients. I'm a good servant. The more I give them the more I get back."

At the city council meeting Fiano was the first to speak about the swim team issues. She stated the city, pool and swim team have coexisted since the creation of the pool but since she took over the presidential position this year the city and the swim team haven't coexisted but been more like "enemies."

"Swimming is like running or any other endurance sport. You have to have time in the water," Fiano said. "That's why the swim team swims five days a week and has a meet once a week. ...It's vital to the community because we live by the river."

Many community members expressed concern about children drowning in the river due to lack of pool access and not knowing how to swim. Marco Aurilio, city councilmember, stated that five to seven people drown in local rivers every year and that three weeks ago a thirteen-year-old died in the Entiat River.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO.
 Leavenworth Pool causes controversy between City and Swimmers.

Housing Authority receives grant funding to renovate 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) today announced a funding award in the amount of \$1,000,000 to begin renovation of the Bavarian Village Apartments. Bavarian Village, a 24-unit affordable housing community, is located in Leavenworth. The funding, in the form of a grant, was awarded to the Housing Authority by the Washington State Department of Commerce under the Housing Preservation Program. Housing Authority officials anticipate construction to begin later this year.

The Housing Authority purchased the property earlier this year utilizing funding through the Washington State Department of Commerce, Housing

Trust and assumed an existing loan through USDA Rural Development.

The work is expected to include improving accessibility, addressing health and safety related issues, repairing roofing and siding, along with parking lot repair and sealing.

"Leavenworth has a severe shortage of affordable housing and we are very pleased that we were able to purchase Bavarian Village and are now able to improve the property for the residents who live there" said Alicia McRae, Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

In January, 2022 Marty Miller, the Executive Director of the Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing stated "The Housing Authority of Chelan County and the City of Wenatchee stepped up at a critical moment and now Bavarian Village will continue providing affordable rental opportunities for

decades into the future."

The 24 units at Bavarian Village include a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments. All apartments house families and individuals

earning a maximum of 80% of the area median income (AMI), depending on the unit. Rents range from \$637 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$697 for a three-bedroom.



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Orchard Bridge (aka Icicle Bridge) construction

By: ERIN MULLINS

Reporter

Work began on Thursday, June 16 to rehabilitate the bridge located one-mile up Icicle Road, the Cascade Orchard bridge. The surface of the bridge has deteriorated, and moisture easily penetrates the deck, interfering with the integrity of the steel in the bridge, according to the county.

Traffic will be one lane for the duration of the project, with automated signals or flaggers used to get cars across the bridge. Construction will take about 60 working days with a thirty-day total closure of the bridge scheduled in mid-August. A detour will be available around East Leavenworth

Road during the closure.

Chelan County Public works have tried quick fixes on the bridge multiple times in the past, but now a more permanent fix is necessary, according to the county. The contractor, MJ Hughes Construction of Vancouver, WA., will remove 1.5 inches from the surface of the concrete bridge deck and replace it with a concrete overlay that should last thirty or more years.

During the project, taller bridge railing will be put in place and the sidewalks will be widened to meet ADA standards. The sidewalks will be lower down to the roadway when construction is finished and approaches

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PHOTO BY ERIN MULLINS.

One way traffic control on the bridge for the next 60 days.

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Competitive pickleball is coming to Leavenworth this weekend

By BECKI SUBIDO,

Ambassador USA Pickleball Association

It has been in the making for the past four years since pickleball first arrived in Leavenworth. When the exciting game of pickleball arrived, most had not even heard of the word pickleball let alone how the game was played.

The first season entailed getting things organized and everyone becoming familiar with the game and the rules

with over 100 free lessons provided so that everyone could enjoy the game. Many question whether it should be called a game or an activity. Pickleball can be played by anyone at any age and skill level. The pickleball court is small which allows smaller movements than other activities.

As the excitement and interest of the game grew throughout Leavenworth and surrounding areas, Leavenworth Pickleball & Tennis was formed to expand recreational play as well as

to bring tournaments that attracted all levels of play including highly competitive players. The process to bring pickleball to the Olympic Games is well underway which has expanded the competitive level of play for the game. Professional and amateur players alike have fallen in love with the game of pickleball and will descend upon Leavenworth on June 25-26, 2022, from all areas including multiple states.

This weekend, Leavenworth Pickleball & Tennis will host the Topf voll Gold (Pot of Gold)

pickleball tournament where all levels of play will be in action. Events include players that are brand new to the game as well as players that are becoming professional. Winners of the advanced brackets will share in the Topf voll Gold purse winnings.

It is exciting to have two teams representing Leavenworth. Ben Logue and Bruce Paulson along with Mike Warren and Travis McMaster will be competing at the 3.5 level in the men's doubles division and great success is

wished upon them.

It is said that you meet the nicest people in pickleball. There will be outstanding pickleball to watch this weekend and everyone is welcome to come down and enjoy the atmosphere of fun, excitement, and experience the laughter that frequently accompanies pickleball.

The tournament will be at the tennis courts located at 330 Evans Street next to the Cascade School District Administration office. See you on the courts!



Icicle Bridge

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to the sidewalk will be repaired.

Because of the widening of the sidewalk, each travel lane will be reduced by 1.5 feet. However, the travel lane will still be wider than the average on Chelan County roads. Bicyclists

will continue to use the roadway to cross the bridge after the sidewalks are updated.

During construction, parking under the bridge will remain open, even when the bridge is completely closed. During closure of the bridge, emergency vehicles will have priority to cross the bridge. For some period

during the closure, emergency vehicles will need to use the East Leavenworth Road detour.

According to the county, the closure of the bridge is necessary to remove the deck surface, perform repairs on the reinforcing bars, repair deeper areas of damage, and place a new deck surface. The bridge

deck is being replaced instead of the bridge being replaced entirely because a new bridge would cost millions of dollars and take years to secure.

Further, the damages on the bridge are mainly limited to its deck. The \$2.26 million project will be paid for with federal dollars from the Surface

Transportation Block Grant program. Any remaining costs in the project will be paid through county road funds.

Historically, there have been several bridges at the location of the Cascade Orchard Bridge, according to the county. The original bridge in 1905 was named after a piece

of property called Cascade Orchards near the bridge. The current bridge was completed in 1965 and replaced a steel truss bridge. At the time, constructing a bridge using prestressed concrete was novel and the bridge brought some national attention to the city of Leavenworth.

Swim team negotiates contract with City

By: ERIN MULLINS

Reporter

Leavenworth Swim Team and the City of Leavenworth have been working to negotiate a contract so that the swim team can begin their 2022 season. This year, negotiations have drawn some notoriety around the community.

One of the biggest points of contention among the public was whether the swim team would have to clean the bathrooms after the meet. At the city council meeting, community member Mary Pat Barton expressed concern over the swim team cleaning bathrooms.

"When you are doing swim team, the families that are doing it are really involved with just making sure the kids are safe," Barton said. "So, I don't think that the team should have to do things like clean the bathroom or pay for the lifeguards or any of that stuff."

Leavenworth Swim Team Board President Hali Fiano said that she received conflicting messages from

the pool manager and the city executive assistant regarding how the pool should be cleaned after meets.

Fiano said that while the executive assistant communicated that the team only needed to take out the trash, the pool manager said that the team needed to deep clean the bathrooms with chemical cleaning products. Fiano said that the pool manager explained that rules needed to be strict because of past vandalism after swim meets.

Due to city policy regarding interviews, the pool manager was not available for comment. However, City of Leavenworth Communication Analyst Christie Voos spoke on behalf of the city. In an email, Voos said that the original contract template was copied from the standard facilities contract and had language regarding cleaning but that the contract was revised to require "leaving the facility as it was found," after meets.

Fiano expressed that she wished that the city could subsidize the swim team financially because of how

much money they make through tourism. However, Voos said that it is complicated for the city to give money to a business or non-profit. She stated that the swim team only pays for the cost of lifeguards during meets and not the full cost of operation.

Voos said that operational support to any single business or non-profit is generally not allowed due to the state constitution that does not allow "gifting of public funds". But non-profits and businesses can receive money through the government in certain ways, like applying for the Leavenworth Fund, which will open for 2023 applications in early fall.

In 2022, the city received \$350k in requests for grant money and was able to allocate \$150k from the Leavenworth Fund, Voos said. In the past the pool has been supported by taxpayers through various means. Throughout most of the history of the pool, it has not been profitable.

In the past, because the maintenance and operation levy was not enough to cover

the costs of the pool, the city has transferred funds from the general fund to keep the pool operational, Voos said.

But beginning in 2013, additional levy funding began to cover annual costs and build a reserve, Voos said. The pool currently has an annual reserve of approximately \$65k. If funds go above that amount, she said they will be used for capital projects.

In 2019, the city provided a \$61,000 loan and \$122,000 in funding to support the 2020 pool resurfacing project, Voos said. In relation to the cost of operation of the pool, swim team costs are small, but the swim team is a separate entity from the pool itself. In 2019 the swim team contract was \$4,104. In 2021 due to the limited season the swim team contract was \$2,064 and in 2022 the contract is \$5638.50, a \$1,534 increase from 2019.

Fiano stated that she felt pressured to sign the contract in a few days since the city's executive assistant was going to be on vacation. Voos stated that the city contract specialist is currently out of the office

and that the contract needed to be finalized before that staff member left for vacation.

In order for the swim team to use the pool, a fully executed contract is needed due to liability concerns and other reasons. Because the contract was not finalized before the original deadline, the mayor worked with the swim team to finalize the contract and figure out how the swim team could practice, Voos said.

The solution that the mayor found was to treat the swim team as normal guests at the pool, Voos said. However, this is still a backup plan, and the contract is expected to be finalized prior to the first day of official swim team practice.

The need for a Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number delayed contract negotiations, Fiano said. A UBI is a 9-digit number issued to individuals and companies doing business in the State of Washington. Fiano said that the city required a UBI to go forward with contract negotiations when the team had not needed one in the past.

Another issue was that

the Leavenworth Swim Team was referred to as Upper Valley Swim Team for many years, Fiano said. Because of this, business documents and articles of incorporation for the team were under Upper Valley Swim Team instead of the current name.

Voos said that the city cannot have a contract with an entity that doesn't exist and that they needed the exact name. Once she knew the correct name, she said the problem was easily solved. Voos said that the city requires UBI's from any entity who has a contract with the city.

Besides the contract issues, community members have been concerned about limited hours at the pool, both for swim team practice and for open swim. Voos said that due to staffing shortages, the pool cannot expand swim team hours or open on the weekends. The city is looking to hire more lifeguards for the summer.

The mayor, city, and swim team are expected to meet the week of June 20 to discuss the swim team and clear up any issues and concerns.

Swim team fundraiser



Joaquim sings at the Yodelin fundraiser with the help of swim team president and fundraiser organizer Hali Fiano while Jackson Fiano looks on.



The Leavenworth Swim team, family and friends help to raise funds at Yodelin for their swim program.

County's Moderate Risk Waste Facility to accept latex paint beginning June 21

Starting June 21, the Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility will accept used latex paint for recycling and safe disposal.

"To be able to drop off household paint is something our visitors have been asking for since the facility was opened in December 2019," said Brenda Blanchfield, manager of the county's Solid Waste program. "We're excited to be able to

help get one more household hazardous waste out of people's homes and safely recycled."

Earlier this week, Chelan County commissioners signed an agreement with PaintCare Washington, which will be picking up the paint for recycling from the Wenatchee facility. PaintCare oversees Washington's statewide paint recycling program, which is operated and funded by a

manufacturers' stewardship organization.

Dropping latex paint off at the Moderate Risk Waste Facility is a free service to Chelan County residents. If you plan on dropping off paint, please follow these guidelines:

1. Visitors are limited to 55 gallons per visit, and the paint must be in containers no larger than 5 gallons.
2. The facility will take old

cans; however, if the paint is solidified, please remember that you can dispose of the can safely in your household garbage.

3. The facility accepts latex paint from only Chelan County households. Businesses can continue to take latex paint to a nearby Rodda Paint or Sherwin Williams, or dispose of it at a future small quantity

generator event, which are typically held annually in Chelan County and posted to its website.

4. If usable paint comes in, it will be set aside in the free re-use program. Visitors should check out the re-use cart to take home any latex paint they can use in their own projects.

In April, the Moderate Risk Waste Facility switched to new,

extended drop-off hours; the facility is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and the first Saturday of the month. In July, drop-off Saturday will be July 9 because of the July 4th holiday.

For a full list of items that the facility does and does not accept, go to the facility's website: <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>

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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.
Leavenworth Rotary Club, Zoom meetings, Noon. For more information email, President Joel Walinski, jtwalinski@gmail.com
Alpine Water District: 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 Zoom 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.)

Leavenworth Farmers Market, Thursdays, 4-7 p.m., at the Cascade School District offices. 330 Evans St. Info@cascaedmarkets.org

Friday

Veteran Service Office: For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: Tony.Sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us

Saturday

Old favorites music at the Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. No cover charge, 1-3 p.m. Call Steve, 509-548-7048. (2nd and 4th Saturdays).

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.
Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 7 p.m., via ZOOM link posted at leavenworthmosquodistrict.com or call 509-548-5904 (1st and 3rd Mondays).
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 at Red Lion, 1225 N. Wenatchee Ave. Please, RSVP if you want to have lunch. Cost for lunch is \$18; Cost for meeting with beverage only is \$7 (no outside food please). Check-in begins at 11:30 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.).

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Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 509-548-7821 or Peshastin@ncwlibraries.org
Open Tues., 10-1:30; and 2:30-7, Wed., 11-1:30, 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 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Please check our Facebook page or our website at www.leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information.
Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.

Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.
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AA Meetings:
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Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939
509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379
Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.
Alanon Meetings, call 509-548-7939
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

Walking Tours

The Greater Leavenworth Museum will be sponsoring their Leavenworth Town Guided Walking Tour Sat. June 25, starting at Lions Club Park on Hwy 2. Participants are encouraged to wear good walking shoes and water. Tours are \$8 per guest, which

includes a museum visit. You can purchase tickets online or walk-ups are welcome. For more information, call 509-548-0728 or visit www.leavenworthmuseum.org

Leavenworth Lions Club Breakfasts in the Park

Enjoy a hearty all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes,

eggs, and sausage. Satisfy your appetite and support your community at the same time. The proceeds support community vision, hearing and diabetes needs and so much more. Breakfasts will be held every 2nd and 4th Saturday in June, July, and August at Lions Club Park. Ages 10+ \$9.00, Ages 4-9 \$4 and free to ages 3 and under and Active Military personnel with ID.

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00:43 911-call 176 Joyful Pl. area	00:32 Trespassing, 9630 Marson Dr.	01:31 DUI, 11007 US Hwy. 2, Prey's Fruit Barn	07:58 Juvenile Problem, Saunders, and Foster Rds., Peshastin	05:12 Burglary, 23149 Lower Chiwawa River Rd.	09:25 Theft, 15250 US Hwy. 2, Lake Wenatchee
06:23 Alarm, 7375 Icicle Rd., O'Grady Pantry	02:44 Lewd Conduct, 243 Mine St.	02:06 Unknown-injury Accident, 11655 North Rd.	08:15 Vehicle Theft, 9917 Saunders Rd., Premier Self Storage, Peshastin	10:52 Traffic Offense, Chumstick Hwy. and Sromberg Canyon Rd.	09:35 Vehicle Theft, 330 Prospect St.
08:29 Agency Assist, Ingalls Creek, MP 1 area	03:39 Public Assist, 12266 Ski View Ln.	06:37 Assist Public, 500BLK Cedar St.	09:13 Extra Patrol, Icicle and E. Leavenworth Rds.	11:44 Traffic Offense, 10168 Main St., Peshastin	10:05 CPS/ APS Referral, 320 Park Ave., Mountain Meadows
09:14 Alarm, 829 Front St.	08:04 Property, 11724 River Bend Dr., Marson and Marson	09:33 Court Order Violation, 8333 River View Rd.	09:15 Malicious Mischief, 9892 E. Leavenworth Rd.	12:24 Theft, 320 Park Ave., Mountain Meadows	10:21 Vehicle Prowl, 22301 Shetland Rd., Plain
10:39 Welfare Check, 1200 block Front St.	08:11 Theft, 2855 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin	11:05 Burglary, 22491 Pole Ridge, FS Rd. 6305	13:08 Fraud/ Forgery, 802 Pine St.	13:39 Extra Patrol, 10000 block North Rd.	11:17 Suspicious Circumstance, Chumstick Hwy. MP 12
11:14 Agency Assist, 10788 US Hwy. 2, Peshastin	12:56 Traffic Offense, Chumstick Hwy, MP 10	12:07 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 & Chumstick Hwy.	14:31 Suspicious Circumstance, 18121 Chumstick Hwy.	16:01 Fraud/ Forgery, 211 14th St., Das Thrift Haus	11:53 Theft, 25217 Saddle St., Plain
14:47 Suspicious Circumstance, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy.	13:41 Water Rescue, Boulder Bend	13:39 Non-injury Accident, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway	14:38 Alarm, 20990 Steller Jay Rd., Lake Wenatchee	17:57 Civil Dispute, 7951 Eagle Creek Rd.	13:39 Extra Patrol, 10000 block North Rd.
15:23 Miscellaneous, Rier Rd. and Lois Ln., Plain	14:56 Civil Dispute, 10454 Fox Rd.	14:00 Animal Offense, 11007 US Hwy. 2, Prey's Fruit barn	14:43 Domestic Disturbance, Chumstick Hwy., MP 5 area	23:00 Agency Assist, 15255 US Hwy. 2, Coles Corner	12:58 Traffic Offense, 9600 block North Rd., Peshastin
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16:43 Civil Dispute, 13894 Chumstick Hwy.	16:21 Vehicle Prowl, 3000 Ingalls Creek Rd.	16:21 Vehicle Prowl, 3000 Ingalls Creek Rd.	15:20 Non-injury Accident, US Hwy. 2 and Chumstick Hwy.	18:41 Unknown-injury Accident, Mountain Home Tracks	18:50 Domestic Disturbance, 9301 Derby Canyon Rd.

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Cascade School Board Meeting



Marlene Farrell
Correspondent

The May 13th Cascade School District (CSD) board meeting began with a note of congratulations to Dan Osborne, longtime groundskeeper, on his retirement. Terry Muscutt next gave a presentation on the Home Link (HL) program. Muscutt serves as both a fifth-grade teacher at Alpine Lakes Elementary and as HL principal. HL is an Alternative Learning Experience built on a partnership between home schooling parents and CSD via HL educational offerings for kindergarten to 8th graders. The enrollment this year was 36 students, down from the last year's peak during remote education. Muscutt expects enrollment next year to be about the same.

HL has shown impressive flexibility, adapting to changes in enrollment and going from being 100% outside to now splitting time between outside twice a week and other days in classrooms in the CSD administrative building. The outdoor classes are experiential education-based, and other courses include social studies, Spanish, creative writing, and art. Parents teach the core subjects of English and math at home.

Families are provided resources and support. In the fall HL teachers Shanda Holm and Daena Medina met with every family to orient

and plan for the year. New this year, parents are able to add comments about the courses to help prospective families know what best fits their needs.

It's optional for HL students to take the NWEA standardized test. This year only 7 of 16 students were at or above the 60th percentile in math while 11 of 17 were so in reading. These levels are somewhat similar to CSD as a whole, showing that math is an area where more support is needed. Muscutt explained that the teachers have trained parents in Dibels progress monitoring for literacy skills, but there's not as easy of a system for tracking progress in math.

Project-based learning is a unique feature of HL. Holm's work was featured in a newsletter of the Pacific Education Institute, which offers professional development for teachers in outdoor STEM. Holm has attended PEI workshops and uses some of their strategies in applied science opportunities with her students. Examples include studies in fire ecology, soil biology and engineering design.

HL also connects with local partners for learning opportunities. The list of partners is long with the Forest Service, Icicle Creek Center for the Arts, Plant Ally, Tierra Learning Center, Wenatchee River Institute and Waste Loop, to name a few. Grants and in-kind donations have covered supplies and use of spaces.

Muscutt concluded saying that HL students, despite any notion otherwise, are quite diverse in background. The school board thanked Muscutt for his leadership

and expertise and also the teachers for their innovation and efforts to build partnerships with home school families.

Dwight Remick, CSD business manager, gave another short budget presentation. The enrollment projection is 1186 FT, which is up 56 from last year. Under that umbrella, enrollment in vocational classes is expected to rise from 95 to 120 FT, due in part to both Teara Dillon and David Harvill, teaching art and CTE classes, respectively, becoming full-time at the high school with new part-time hires at the middle school. Remick reminded the board that the second half of the ESSER funds will be spent next year. Remick sets the budgets so that there's a 10% ending fund balance as per school board resolution. The payroll information is still being finalized with many new hires and the salaries ranging, depending on experience level.

The budget hearing, followed by adoption, is scheduled for July 18th. After that occurs, Remick will submit a required four-year budget projection to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Additionally, the revenue projections and budget will also be reviewed by the North Central Educational Services District.

Under personnel, the board approved three resignations and multiple hires. Notable among hires were Amy Rieke as CHS college and career counselor, Jacob Carvito as 8th grade science teacher, Jace Rowland as IRMS/CHS band director and Colin Connor as CHS science

teacher.

Under policy review, the board approved the Comprehensive School Counseling program, which was discussed in detail at the prior board meeting. First readings included a policy and procedure about enabling staff to access mental health resources and will include an oversight committee.

CHS Principal Elia Ala'ilima-Daley went over the math curriculum adoption process that involved a committee of staff from every educational level as well as intervention specialists and special ed teachers. Each subject is reviewed for an update in curriculum every five years. Last year it was PE/STEM/Health/Arts and next year it will be ELA/Spanish/ASL. Ala'ilima-Daley said curriculum expenses have increased significantly over the past few years.

The committee reviewed the curricula from multiple vendors and recommended for the board to approve Eureka Math for K-5, EnVision for grades 6-8, Carnegie Integrated for grades 9-12 and Didax manipulatives for preschool. The Carnegie Integrated will mean a conversion, over time, from offering Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II courses to Integrated I, II and III. Precalculus and Calculus will still be offered based upon college in the classroom curricula. The costs of adopting new curricula include professional development. Ala'ilima-Daley appreciated superintendent Beckendorf-Edou's help in negotiating with vendors to lower the prices.

Board member Cyndi

Garza made a movement to approve the math curriculum, and it was approved 4 to 1, with Mike Worden dissenting out of a discomfort with approving without time for further review. The other board members wanted to expedite the approval process so that the curriculum could be delivered in time for staff to be trained in August.

The board approved the changes to the CSD Student Handbook. The biggest change was making the discipline matrix identical for both CHS and IRMS, which were different in the past. Also, the dress code was updated to be in alignment with the new policy and procedure, and there were other small modifications.

Beckendorf-Edou shared the news that CSD won a grant in conjunction with Cascadia Conservation District to grow vegetable starts and produce in the new greenhouse that then can be offered to the community, possibly working with UV MEND. Two teachers won grants recently as well. Transitional kindergarten teacher Karlye Risdon won a grant to cover outdoor educational supplies, and 7th grade science teacher Kim Gilreath won a grant for a program called "Reimagine Education."

For the good of the order, Ala'ilima-Daley presented the school board with the "Heart of the Kodiak" award, voted on by CHS students and staff for community members going above and beyond for the schools. Beckendorf-Edou praised Ala'ilima-Daley in turn and gave him a plaque for his years of service as he ends his tenure at the end of the month.

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Roslin Brito	6th grade
Payten Weaver	5th grade
Justus Pratt	4th grade
Stephanie Sohn	4th grade
Nevaeh Haight	4th grade
Amelia Sandelin	4th grade

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City Council Meeting discusses water pipes and economic development

By: ERIN MULLINS
Reporter

After 75 minutes receiving comments on the swim team the city council moved on to regular business. Tracy Valentine, supervisor of Leavenworth's water plant, discussed water use, water efficiency goals and aging pipes. Valentine said that the surface water from Icicle and the three wells are producing very well this year due to high water.

The city reads water use in two different ways, she said. Production meters measure water output daily, while consumption meters measure water usage monthly. The consumption meters are new so not all of them are reporting water consumption accurately, so the city is working on fixing that issue, Valentine said.

The city loses water through old malfunctioning meters, incorrectly installed meters, and leakage on service, distribution, and transmission lines, she said. This leakage needs to be addressed, Valentine said.

"The pipes are getting older. Our water is very aggressive and so is our soil," she said. "We have to pragmatically

replace those pipes and see where our population demands [water] so we have the right sized pipes."

From 2018-2021 the average leakage was 24% of all water produced in Leavenworth, Valentine said. In Cashmere, leakage in 2020 was 9.7% and in Peshastin it was 4.8%. This shows that addressing water leakage is a priority, she said.

The water plant set current and future goals. The current goals are to evaluate how water meters are working, improve leak detection and to improve water plant practices. The future goals are to gather data that will allow the city to see which pipes need repair or replacement, to repair or replace those pipes, to upgrade the water treatment plant and to reduce leakage to 10 percent or less.

The current water plant is not automated, Valentine said. Staff must be on location 24/7 to supervise the water plant. Other cities, like Cle Elum, have automated water plants, but in order to have an automated water plant Leavenworth would have to build a completely new water treatment center, she said.

After Valentine's report, the meeting moved on to

councilmember and committee reports. Councilmember Sharon Waters said that she was knighted in Portland, Oregon on June 10, for the Portland Rose Festival. Waters said that she attended a meeting with city administrator finalist Michael Rose on Monday and was disappointed that community members did not attend the meeting.

Clint Strand said that he attended the Our Valley Our Future meeting and heard some interesting potential remedies to help the community and that the meeting was "a phenomenal discussion." Strand also discussed the economic development committee and said that they discussed improving the recycling center as well as future net zero emissions from Leavenworth.

Councilmember Jason Lundgren said that the PRSA is discussing how to improve the pool and creating a year-round aquatics center. Councilmember Marco Aurilio discussed river water rescue techniques and the danger of the Dryden dam. The meeting closed with Waters suggesting that the city should hold a barbeque this summer.



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Beacon Rock

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Outdoor News Roundup

By JOHN KRUSE

Range Time Fundamentals & A New Public Shooting Range

I had the opportunity to sight in my Henry Long Ranger lever action rifle last week at the Swakane State Wildlife Area north of Wenatchee. A part of this Wildlife Area has long been used by shooters but recently, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife completely renovated this into what is now a very nice range.

At the range are parking stalls and a shooting area for pistol shooters on the left and rifle or shotgun shooters on the right. Backstop berms have been constructed at 100 and 150 yards respectively and there are moveable shooting benches available at the firing line too.

If you are bringing a rifle, you'll want to bring a chair and shooting bags to put on the benches so you can get the most stable platform for each shot. You'll also want to bring your own targets and stakes that can be driven into the hard ground downrange or into the soft-soiled berms.

As far as targets go you can bring paper targets and clay pigeons all year while steel targets can be used between October 1 to May 31. The use of tracer bullets, exploding targets, glass, household appliances and electronics as

targets are not allowed.

I had a great time shooting here on a quiet evening for the first time in a while and found the new rifle, chambered in 6.5 Creedmoor, shot straight and true though the person shooting it certainly needed some practice when it came to marksmanship fundamentals like breathing and trigger control.

The shooting range at the Swakane State Wildlife Area may be the newest one but it's not the only one. You can also find improved shooting areas in Eastern Washington at the Methow, Asotin and W.T. Wooten State Wildlife Areas.

One last note when it comes to keeping these ranges open for public use and maintaining a good reputation as a recreational shooter. Please clean up after yourself. Whatever targets or target support stands you bring to the range should be packed out when you are done along with your expended brass cartridges and shotgun shells. Leaving a littered landscape is not a good look or a responsible thing to do.

Cashmere Salmon Release Parade

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 25 and take in the Cashmere Salmon Release Parade along with its associated events between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Cashmere Riverside Park. The event is

presented by the Cashmere Library, where coho salmon fry have been raised and released for three years now. This program is a unique partnership between North Central Washington Libraries, the Cascadia Conservation District and Cascade Fisheries.

Things kick off with crafts and hands-on activities to teach kids and adults about the salmon life cycle. Salmon story time for the kids happens at 12:15 and at 1 p.m. there will be a short parade where children will take the salmon to the boat launch, name each one, and release them into the river to swim to the sea. If you are interested in finding out more about this event contact Lisa Lawless at the Cashmere Library (Tel. 509-782-3314).

Beacon Rock State Park Expands

Washington State Parks announced Beacon Rock State Park is expanding thanks to some help from the non-profit group, Friends of the Columbia Gorge and the generosity of a couple who owned land adjacent to the park.

The 4.5-acre tract of land sits on the north side of State Route 14 along the Columbia. The owners, Sharon and John Jamieson, put the property up to sale in 2019 and wanted to sell it to Washington State Parks but the agency didn't have the funding for the purchase at that time. That's when the Friends

of the Columbia Gorge stepped in to purchase the land and hold it until Washington State Parks was able to acquire grant funding to purchase it and add it to their portfolio. That sale closed on June 13.

Washington State Parks plans to construct a new parking lot, roundabout and ADA-accessible underground pedestrian crossing here. In a press release the agency states this will all help ease congestion, create safer traffic flow and allow foot and wheelchair access between the north and south sides of the park. The estimated project cost will be \$25 million.

Renée Tkach, a project manager with Friends of the Columbia Gorge and a local resident said, "This project will not only provide a safer, more welcoming entrance to the park, but will be vital in helping increase accessibility at one of the most iconic recreation spots in the Gorge."

Beacon Rock State Park offers camping, rock climbing, and hikes to waterfalls as well as a trail leading to the summit of 848-foot-tall Beacon Rock where amazing views of the Columbia River Gorge await. Some 250,000 to 300,000 visitors come to the park every year.

John Kruse - www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americautdoorsradio.com

NCW Tech Alliance is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Innovator

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Awards luncheon slated for Wednesday, September 21 at the Wenatchee Convention Center.

This premier event, sponsored by Microsoft, Equilus Capital Partners, Peoples Bank, and Chelan County PUD will attract over 350+ community members and leaders. Doors will open at 11:30 am with the program from 12-1:30 pm.

The annual Innovator Awards celebrates the drive, passion, and spirit of innovators in North Central Washington. Since 2000, over 100 innovators have been recognized

for their innovation in entrepreneurship, technology, and STEM education. To view all past Innovator Award recipients, visit www.ncwtech.org.

During the luncheon, NCW Tech Alliance will present five awards to innovators across the region who have demonstrated exemplary strides in entrepreneurship, technology, and education over the past year. Any resident, student, or business in Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Ferry, and Okanogan counties is eligible to be nominated for an Innovator Award.

This year, NCW Tech Alliance is seeking nominations for the

following award categories:

- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Newcomer In Technology
- STEM Champion of the Year
- STEM College Student Innovator of the Year
- Future Technology Leader of the Year (K-12 Student)

Award winners of the two business awards will receive complimentary business memberships to NCW Tech Alliance, plus a year of promotion to highlight their business in the community.

Award winning innovators in the three education categories will each receive a minimum \$500 scholarship to go towards their education or classroom.

Nominations can be

submitted by any individual, business, or student. Individuals and businesses can also nominate themselves. Nominations are open now until August 1, 2022, and forms are available in both English and Spanish. To nominate a business or individual please visit www.ncwtech.org.

All nominees will be carefully reviewed by a panel of community judges. Nominees will also be promoted through media and showcased at the luncheon in September. The top three finalists in each category will be announced in the weeks leading up to the luncheon, with the winners announced live at the event.

Swim Team Concerns

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Carolyn Wilson, city councilmember, said that the pool was named Hopkins Memorial Pool after a concerned doctor. Dr. Hopkins was behind the creation of the first pool because he was "sick to death" of kids drowning in the river.

"That was many years ago, kids were drowning," Wilson said. "And you have to have a pool to keep them out of the river."

Community members expressed that even though they had concerns, the city and the swim team should work together, and employees should be treated with respect.

"I don't know Kelly [the pool administrator] very well. I am sure she loves what she does," said Jamie Krejci, a community member whose kids have frequented the pool.

"As a system I think we need to make sure we are supporting her in any way we can so that these things do not happen... I know that the relationship between the swim team and the pool has been pressed over the years."

Lucy Lopez, local mother of three kids, said that her preteen daughter loves to swim. It is her daughter's first year on the swim team and Lopez wants her to be busy and healthy during the summer. She wants her daughter to gain confidence and learn more swimming skills.

"If [my daughter] is in the pool, we are fine," Lopez said in a follow up interview. "But in the river, because she is not afraid of the water, we do not feel confident because she loves being in the water. We want her to learn more skills before we can feel the river is safer for her."

Lopez said that kids have gotten more internally focused and spend a lot of time on technology due to COVID. She said that if we do not support our kids and do not teach them how to live with love then there will be negative consequences.

"We go to work, and we forget that [our kids] are little humans. They need time and love and respect and community and friends," Lopez said. "It is not just about food. It is not just about having a house. It is about all the things that a kid needs to grow up healthy and become a respectful adult... if we do the best for our kids, we build a strong community and are safe."

If Lopez's daughter did not have the pool to go to during the summer, she is worried about how her daughter would spend her time. Lopez, along with other parents and kids, did not like that kids who know

how to swim and have passed the swim test in the past still need to wait a long time to swim test every day before they can go to the deep end.

Lopez said that she feels her daughter is protected when she is alone in town because the community is "amazing" and will look out for her daughter. She feels that the pool is a safe place for her daughter to be at.

Overall, community members were frustrated about lack of communication from the city, limited hours for swim team and the pool, certain pool policies and future support for the Leavenworth Swim Team.

"What does [the city] need from us?" said Mara Merritt, a doctor and concerned community member. "The community has said over and over again that the pool is important to us. What do you need? Right now, the pool has not been open on weekends... what can we do?"

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