



## Hawkins gets PUD 'Legislative Champion Award'

PUDs honor Hawkins for passing renewable hydrogen bill, hydropower tax parity issues

WPUDA NEWS RELEASE

OLYMPIA – The Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUDA) recognized Sen. Brad Hawkins for his efforts and legislative leadership for PUDs throughout the state.

“I was super excited when I got the call from the PUD Association,” said Hawkins, whose 12th District includes four PUDs (Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan). “PUDs provide an incredible benefit to our region with their reliable, low-cost services. Locally, our PUDs are superb stewards of public resources and top-notch organizations. I’m honored to be selected as a champion for the PUDs because standing with the PUDs is standing with the people.”

Hawkins will receive the WPUDA’s 2019 Legislative Champion Award during the association’s Annual Conference Banquet on Dec. 5 at the

Heathman Lodge in Vancouver. The award recognizes a member of the Washington State Legislature or Congress for leadership in pursuing passage of legislation beneficial to PUDs.

In the award letter from WPUDA, Executive Director George Caan wrote: “This award recognizes your strong commitment to advocating in the 2019 legislative session for policies that enhance the ability of public utility districts to serve the needs of their communities. Your leadership as prime sponsor of Senate Bill 5588, your quick introduction to add hydropower as a qualifying renewable resource in the 100% clean energy bill, and your dedication to pursuing tax parity for hydropower as the prime sponsor and staunch advocate of Senate Bill 6012 was instrumental in paving the way for good policy that supports the foundational

principles on which PUDs were created.”

“During the 2019 legislative session Senator Hawkins demonstrated a commitment to advancing good public policy that supports the ability of Washington’s public utility districts to meet the needs of the communities they serve. His work is truly deserving of the WPUDA 2019 Legislative Champion Award,” concluded Caan.

“Senator Hawkins is a great friend to public power and Washington state’s PUDs, as well as a skilled and trusted advocate for his 12th District constituents. He understands the complex issues we face and the value of hydropower in helping to reduce carbon emissions while maintaining reliable service and reasonable electric rates. On behalf of Chelan PUD’s Board of Commissioners and our staff and customer-owners, congratulations to Senator



Courtesy photo

From left: Chelan PUD Commissioner and Washington PUD Association President Randy Smith, Sen. Brad Hawkins and Washington PUD Association Executive Director George Caan.

Hawkins,” said Steve Wright, General Manager, Chelan County PUD.

“Senator Hawkins is a champion of public power! He really deserves this award.

He is always looking out for his constituents and definitely has an impact in the communities he serves. We appreciate Senator Hawkins’ leadership and relentless effort to

get our renewable hydrogen bill through the Legislature. Thank you and congratulations Senator Hawkins!” said Gary Ivory, General Manager, Douglas County PUD.

## Wenatchee Network Group donates \$200 to Eagles/Wellness Place



Photo by Gary Bégin

Pictured from left: Wenatchee Network Group Treasurer (WNG) Sandra Dee Morger, Numerica; Dean Miller, Secretary, Fraternal Order of Eagles (Wenatchee Aerie), WNG Secretary Sherry Gustin, Ameriprise Financial; and WNG President Doug Morger (GECU).

By GARY BÉGIN

WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Network Group (WNG) donated \$200 to the Wenatchee Eagles which it used to add to their other fundraising efforts, thus making them eligible for four times the matching funds from the F.O.E. Grand Aerie towards a charitable cause.

According to WNG Secretary Sherry Gustin, \$150 goes toward the Christmas food baskets the Eagles will distribute and “We decided to give the other \$50 toward the Eagles Cancer fund. They were just \$50 short

of the \$1,000 needed to make a big impact in our community.

“The Eagles will pledge the \$1,000 raised to our local Wellness Place (home for cancer patient families),

and the National headquarters of the Eagles will pledge another \$4,000, as long as the local aerie raised at least \$1,000. With our \$50 donation, we have helped get \$5,000 donated to Wellness

Place here in Wenatchee. If you thought little donations don’t make a difference, here is proof that it does have an impact. Thank you to our members for the generosity shown!” concluded Gustin.

## Link Transit seeks input from Leavenworth riders

On Thursday, December 12, Link Transit is hosting an open house to gather input from Leavenworth transit riders about potential changes and improvements to Route 22 operating between Leavenworth and Wenatchee, and the Route D, operating within Leavenworth.

An open house from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Leavenworth City Hall Council Chambers is scheduled as part of a process to make improvements to the service operated in Leavenworth, and between Leavenworth and Wenatchee. Any major changes to service will happen in July 2020.

Changes are being considered to the schedule of the Route 22 buses that travel through Leavenworth rather than terminating at Willkommen Park and Ride, and the hours of operation on the Route D.

“We have heard from a number of our Leavenworth riders that the changes we made in July with the opening of the Willkommen Park and

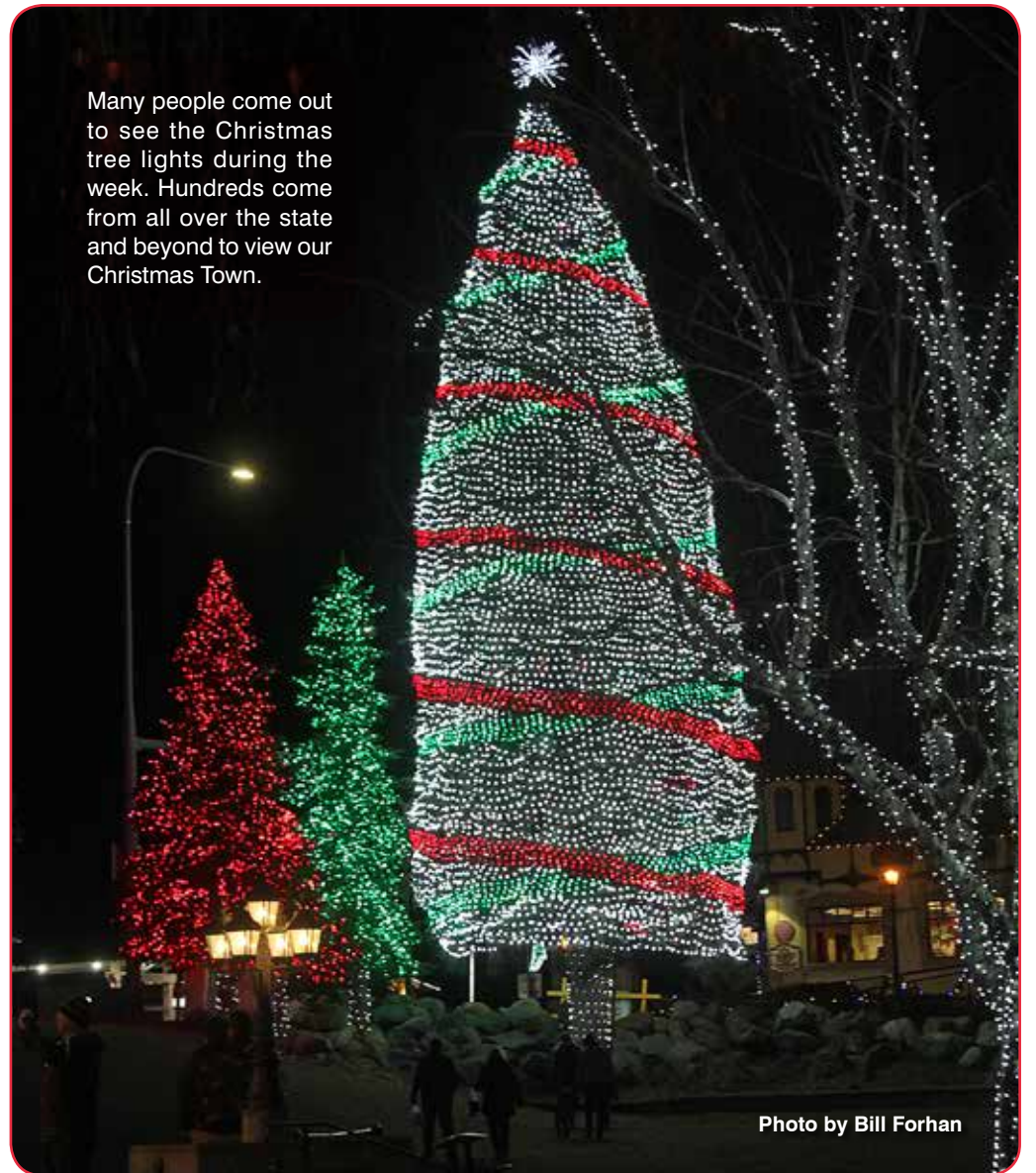
Ride have not worked well for them. We want to try to fix this as best as possible” said Eric West, Link Transit Marketing Coordinator. Also under consideration is the addition of some express trips between Leavenworth and Wenatchee.

“We have heard over the years of a desire by some to have express service between Leavenworth and Wenatchee. Now that we have additional resources to work with, we are exploring what express service would look like,” said West.

“We really need to hear from those in the upper valley who would like to see this service implemented so we can build the best solution that will work for the most people.”

Staff will present several options for input and consideration.

For more information on the options under consideration, please visit [www.link-transit.com/leavenworthchanges](http://www.link-transit.com/leavenworthchanges) or call 664-7608.



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## AA Meeting Schedule

**Information numbers for AA:**  
**509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 425-773-7527, 1-206-719-3379**  
**Sunday, 9 a.m.,** Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
**Sunday, 7 p.m.,** Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
**Tuesday, noon,** First Baptist Church, 429 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, noon,** First Baptist Church, 429 Evans, Leavenworth  
**Friday, 7:30 p.m.,** Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain  
**Information number for Alanon: 509-548-7939**  
**Alanon Meeting Schedule: Monday, 7 p.m.,** United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
**Friday, dinner 5:30 p.m., meeting 6:15 p.m.** Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 111 Ski Hill Drive.  
 Please contact us for questions. Dave and Nancy Bartholomew  
 509-596-1510

## Community Calendar

**Wednesday**  
**Peshastin Water District,** 5:30 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. Call Abby Bergren, 548-5266. (2nd Wed.)  
**Prostate Cancer Awareness & Support Group,** 8:30 a.m. Kristall's Restaurant. Call David McIntyre, M.D., 206-954-4166. (2nd Wed.)  
**Children and Youth Program,** 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 548-5292.

**Thursday**  
**Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce,** 8 a.m. Kristall's Restaurant, President Bill Forhan. Call Chamber, 548-5807. Everyone is invited to attend as a guest. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)  
**Leavenworth Lions Club,** Kristall's Restaurant, President, Conrad Delury, call or text, 509-387-5051. (1st Thurs. at 6:30 p.m. & 3rd Thurs. at Noon)  
**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.)

**Friday**  
**Chelan County Veteran Service Officer,** WorkSource, and SSVF, coffee and organizational information, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Kristall's Restaurant. Help with DD214, VA Disability Claim and more. (1st Fri.)  
**Leavenworth Rotary Club,** 11:45 a.m. Kristall's Restaurant. President, Ken Grosse. 509-763-2753.

**Saturday**  
**No Events Scheduled.**

**Sunday**  
**See Church schedule.**

**Monday**  
**Chumstick Grange Hall,** 2 p.m., Helen Kensrud, 782-4086. (2nd & 4th Mon.)  
**Upper Valley Free Clinic,** 6:30 p.m., evaluates urgent health needs; dental consultation is available the 1st Mon. of the month. Contact Upper Valley MEND, 548-0408.  
**Young Life Club,** 6:30 p.m. All high school age students welcome. TJ Kaapuni, 509-679-3247. (2nd & 4th Mon.)  
**Cascade School board meetings,** 7 p.m., District Office board room. Call 548-5885. (2nd & 4th Mon.)

**Tuesday**  
**I.P.I.D. Meeting,** 8 a.m., Anthony "Toni" Jantzer, 782-2561, meeting at Wescott Dr. in Cashmere. (2nd Tues.)  
**Icicle Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited,** 6:30 p.m., Icicle Village Resort, 505 Hwy. 2, in the Lake Wenatchee Room. Call Dave, 548-0903. (2nd Tues.)  
**Cascade Medical Board Meeting,** 9 a.m. Call Cascade Medical, 548-5815. (4th Tues.)  
**Leavenworth People with Parkinson's Disease Support Group,** 11 a.m. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 10170 Titus Road. Call Katherine (206) 356-4288 or Judi (425) 870-2089. (2nd Tues.)  
**Buns, Book and Tea,** Peshastin Book Club, 1 p.m., Peshastin Library. Call Kathy Springer, 509-433-1345. (3rd Tues.)  
**Cascade Education Foundation,** 1 p.m., Boardroom at Cascade District office. Call Ken West, 670-1729.  
**LWSC Alpine Committee,** 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 548-5477. (1st Tues.)  
**Leavenworth Masons,** 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. [www.leavenworthmasons.org](http://www.leavenworthmasons.org). (1st Tues.)  
**Cascade Garden Club,** 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 662-7706. (3rd Tues.)

**Ongoing events**  
**Leavenworth Public Library:** 548-7923.  
 Mon., Tues., Wed., open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Thurs., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fri., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Closed on weekends and Holidays.  
**Special events:**  
 Tues., 11:30 a.m., Baby story time  
 Wed., 1:30 p.m., Preschool story time  
**Peshastin Public Library:** 548-7821.  
 Sun. & Mon., Closed  
 Tue., 3 - 7 p.m.  
 Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 2 - 6 p.m.  
 Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Special events:**  
 Thurs., 2:30, Bilingual Story time  
 Sat., Crafts: 2 p.m.  
**Upper Valley Museum:** 548-0728  
**Leavenworth Fish Hatchery,** 548-7641. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 12790 Fish Hatchery Road (Daily).

**Regional events**  
**SCORE** (small business counseling), 1 - 4 p.m. Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce. Call for appointment, 888-2900. (Tues. & Thurs.)  
**Cascadia Conservation District Board Meeting.** 3:30 p.m., Upstairs Conference Room, Wenatchee World Building, 14 N. Mission St., Wenatchee. 509-436-1601.  
**Note:** Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

## Senior Center Menus

**Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth**  
 Please call 548-6666, 24 hours in advance to reserve a meal. Meals are served at noon.  
**December 12, Thursday:** Spaghetti & meat sauce, Caesar salad, sliced peaches, garlic bread, dessert.  
**December 13, Friday:** Ham & Au Gratin potato casserole, peas and carrots, tossed green salad, Waldorf salad, whole wheat roll, dessert.  
**December 14, Saturday and December 15, Sunday:** No lunch.  
**December 16, Monday:** Pork Chow Mein, stir fry vegetables, Asian slaw, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat roll, dessert.  
**December 17, Tuesday:** Garden Chili, cottage cheese, mixed green salad, tortilla chips, cheesy biscuit, fruited jell-o.  
**December 18, Wednesday:** Country fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed veggie salad, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll, dessert.

**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.

**Leavenworth November 30**

10:50 Parking/Abandon, 815 Front St., #B  
 11:05 Public Assist, 7660 Icicle Rd.  
 11:37 Property, 700 US Hwy. 2  
 11:37 Property, 913 Front St.  
 12:24 Property, 904 US Hwy. 2  
 14:30 Suspicious, 980 US Hwy. 2  
 14:35 Assault, 843 Front St., The Loft Bar  
 15:51 Traffic Offense, River Bend Dr. & US Hwy. 2  
 16:05 Property, Front St.  
 17:14 Disturbance, 221-8th St., Watershed Cafe  
 17:40 Parking/Abandon, 8396 Main St., Peshastin  
 18:24 911 call, 228 Chumstick Hwy.  
 18:58 Parking/Abandon, Chumstick Hwy.  
 22:24 Assault, 694 US Hwy. 2

**December 1**

01:41 Suspicious, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park  
 04:13 Traffic Offense 10190 Chumstick Hwy.  
 11:57 911 call, 590 US Hwy. 2, Enzian  
 13:08 Public Assist, 700 US Hwy. 2  
 13:38 Accident/No Injuries, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway  
 14:44 Accident/No Injuries, 24510 White River Rd., Lake Wenatchee  
 17:16 Public Assist, 505 US Hwy. 2  
 22:05 Traffic Offense, E. Leavenworth Rd.

**December 2**

01:10 DUI, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park  
 10:27 Property, 11724 River Bend Dr.  
 15:59 Civil, 340 Prospect St., #C3

**December 3**

08:19 Alarm, 20674 Miracle Mile, Lake Wenatchee  
 08:47 Suspicious, 252 Scholze St.  
 09:39 Theft, 590 US Hwy. 2, Enzian Motor Inn  
 09:53 911 call, 590 US Hwy. 2  
 11:48 Property, Blackbird Island  
 12:59 911 call, 309-8th St., Post Hotel  
 13:23 Welfare Check, 18454 W. Dardanells Rd.  
 13:24 Assault, 12069 Chumstick Hwy.  
 15:26 Disturbance, Blackbird Island

15:41 Suspicious, 715 Front St.  
 16:59 911 call, 190 US Hwy. 2, Der Ritterhof  
 20:23 Theft, 940 US Hwy. 2  
 22:19 Suspicious, 925 Commercial St.  
 22:20 911call, 505 US Hwy. 2

**December 4**

04:17 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 2, MP 72, Lake Wenatchee  
 09:29 Agency Assist, 12069 Chumstick Hwy.  
 10:05 Trespass, 9255 Foster Rd., BJS Food  
 11:52 Suspicious, 5865 Mountain Lane Rd., Peshastin  
 13:38 Trespass, 9255 Foster Rd., BJS Food  
 14:31 Recreation Stolen Vehicle, 18000 Block Nason Ridge Rd., Lake Wenatchee  
 16:32 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 & Alice Ave., Dryden  
 17:38 Agency Assist, 22126 Appaloosa Lane, Plain

**December 5**

09:43 Civil, 7550 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin  
 10:43 911 call, 305-8th St.  
 10:51 Public assist, 12413 Chumstick Hwy.  
 13:14 Traffic offense, US Hwy. 2 and Simpson Rd., Peshastin  
 14:16 Trespass, 8500 Blk., Deadman Hill Rd. Dryden  
 15:01 Theft, 590 US Hwy. 2, Enzian Inn  
 15:09 Public assist, 12430 Ingalls Creek Rd., Peshastin  
 17:40 Suspicious, Eagle Creek Rd. and Chumstick Hwy.

**December 6**

09:43 Civil, 7550 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin  
 10:43 911 call, 305-8th St.  
 10:51 Public assist, 12413 Chumstick Hwy.  
 13:14 Traffic offense, US Hwy. 2 and Simpson Rd., Peshastin  
 14:16 Trespass, 8500 Blk., Deadman Hill Rd. Dryden  
 15:01 Theft, 590 US Hwy. 2, Enzian Inn  
 15:09 Public assist, 12430 Ingalls Creek Rd., Peshastin  
 17:40 Suspicious, Eagle Creek Rd. and Chumstick Hwy.

## City Council Meetings

**7 p.m., Leavenworth Planning Commission at City Hall**  
 contact Lilith Vespier, 549-5275. (1st Wed.)  
**8 a.m., Leavenworth City Council** study session, City Hall,  
 Joel Walinski 548-5275. (2nd Tues.)  
**3 p.m., Design Review Board,** City Hall, Sue Cragun 548-5275  
 (2nd & 4th Tues.)  
**6:30 p.m., Leavenworth City Council** meeting, City Hall,  
 Joel Walinski 548-5275 (2nd & 4th Tues.)

## Senior Center Events

**Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St., Leavenworth**  
 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00 a.m., Gentle Exercise  
 Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Leavenworth Area Seniors' Council Board meeting  
 Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Crafts  
 Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Square Dancing  
 Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bavarian Dancing  
 Friday, 6:00 p.m., Bingo  
 Saturday 6:30-9:00 p.m., Music, Public Welcome, No cover charge

## Leavenworth

### Leavenworth Waterfront Park Trail Snowshoe Tours

Every Thursday in January and February from 10 a.m. - noon, local naturalist guides will lead free snowshoe strolls on the Waterfront Park Trail along the beautiful Wenatchee River. All ages and experience levels are welcome, from first time to seasoned snowshoers. Snowshoes provided. Please dress for cold weather and bring a snack and warm beverage. Meet to snowshoe from the Wenatchee River Institute campus, 347 Division Street in Leavenworth. Drop-ins are welcome and reservations required for groups of eight or more.

To make reservations or with questions, call Rachel, 509-548-0181 x5 or email [rbishop@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](mailto:rbishop@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org)

Event Link: <https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/event-calendar.html/event/2020/01/02/1577988000/snowshoe-stroll-at-wri-/267654>

## Leavenworth Library Events

### Christmas Party

Families are invited to the annual Library Christmas Party at 700 Hwy. 2 on Thursday, December 12, from 6-7 p.m. Come enjoy a holiday story time, craft making and festive cookies. Each family will take home a new Christmas gift book. Questions? Call 548-7923 (e 50).

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# Entertainment – Events

## Christmas Lighting Events

### Arts and Crafts Bazaar

Come see local artists, potters, knitters, weavers, jewelry makers, bakers, quilters and writers at the Arts and Crafts Bazaar at Faith Lutheran Church, 224 Benton Street, Leavenworth. Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and on Sunday, December 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Senior Center Bazaar and Craft Fair

Join us at the Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans Street on Saturday, December 14 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Christmas Market Bake Sale and Luncheon

The Leavenworth Community United Methodist Church, 418 Evans Street invites you to join them for the annual Christmas Lighting Market, Bake Sale and Luncheon on Saturday, December 14 from 11:30- 3 p.m. Cost is by donation. Lunch will also be served on Saturday, December 21.

The Sanctuary will be open to "Pause and Reflect" during the day. 548-6222.

### Annual Craft Fair

Sponsored by the Hilfreich Hausfrauen Club of Cascade Medical held at Leavenworth Community United Methodist Church, 418 Evans Street, Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Many handcrafted items.

### Crafts Bazaar at the Grange

A full house of vendors and a good variety of crafts available, at 621 Front St. Chumstick Grange Hall across from Gustav's. December 13, 14, 15 and December 20, 21 and 22. from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sundays.

## Christmas Concerts

### The Leavenworth Village Voices

One of four concerts this Christmas season. The choir will perform traditional and new holiday favorites that will delight all ages. Performances are Friday, Dec. 13, and Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1p.m. at the Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. Tickets available in advance by credit card at the Chamber of Commerce, 509-548-5807, cash or check at the door. \$20 for an individual and \$50 for a family of four (two adults and two or more children). No children under five years-old please.

### Leavenworth Celtic Christmas

Celtic music with the Gothard Sisters on December 14, 7 p.m. at the Festhalle, And Geoffrey Castle's Celtic Christmas Saturday, December 21, 7p.m. Online tickets and info. or call 1-800-514-3849 or 509-682-9150.

### Icicle Creek Holiday Line up

Tingstad and Rumbel on December 13. Wickline's down Home Family Christmas December 14 and 15. Magical String Celtic Yuletide December 20 and 21. A Tuna Christmas and Friends December 27 and 28th. Online at Icicle.org or call 509-548-6347.

## ICICLE CREEK THIS WEEK

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Wicklines' Down Home Family Christmas - Dec. 14 & 15

Magical Strings Celtic Yuletide - Dec. 20 & 21

A Tuna Christmas and Friends - Dec. 27 & 28



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A holiday decorated ice skating rink brings in many families from Leavenworth and out of area guests to enjoy themselves early December at the Lions Club Park.

## Light up your holidays

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*Is it too much of a stretch to call him Saint Nick?*

Every year Nick Nelson gives the Wenatchee Valley the gift of a holiday light show. And this is no ordinary show. This is a lighted, animated,



St Nick and wife.

musical extravaganza of 41,405 LEDs. The lights are called pixels, Nick said, and are comprised of one red, green and blue LED covered with a diffuser. "With computer control I can change the level of each red, green and blue LED, giving me over 16 million color combinations," he said.

LEDs use a lot less energy than incandescent lights, although that's not why Nick uses them. "I chose LEDs as they are the only lights available that are individually controllable," he said. "You can do animated shows with normal lights but they are typically limited to on/off and

dimming."

The show runs 24/7 from now to New Year's Day or longer.

### What about the electric bill?

The electric bill goes up for Nick and Erin Nelson but not as much as you might expect. "In Chelan County we have some of the cheapest power around," Nick said. "And even though I have a large display with thousands of lights, they don't use nearly as much power as people think. Due to the animated nature of the show, typically only a small portion of them are on at any given time."

This year's spectacular features stars suspended in the night sky, trees that ripple

with color and movement, rainbows of purple and white that wave in time to Pachelbel's Canon. The display is timed perfectly to the music, ranging from the sweet to the satirical (one episode features a gentle poke at Christmas commercialism with glowing green dollar signs). The entire show lasts about 20 minutes.

### Where to find the show

See it at 3418 Knowles Road, right behind the Sunnyslope Cemetery. Tune in to the music at 105.5 FM.

You don't want to miss it – but be careful out there. Try to avoid contributing to a clog-up of cars when you stop to ooh and aah.



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## CASCADE SCHEDULE

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Friday, Dec 13	vs. Waterville-Mansfield 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec 17	vs. Chelan 5:45 p.m.

### Girls Basketball

Thursday, Dec. 12	vs. Cle Elum 5:45 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 13	vs. Waterville-Mansfield 5:45 p.m.
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## Kodiak Girls' at Home Vs. Naches Valley



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Jocellyn Rodriguez (#11) is shooting for a basket and Molly Wiser (#5) looks on in anticipation of the basket to score. Final score Cascade 36 Naches Valley 62.

## Cascade Kodiaks Boys' Basketball



Cascade Kodiak Boys' lose to Naches Valley in December 5 game at home. Watching the action at the basket is Bret Fraker #23, shooter is Isaiah Dayton (#11) and on the right Cameron Ostrem watching the ball. Game score Cascade losing 23-44.

## Another "ally" stabs us in the back

The Saudi national that killed three at the Pensacola Naval Air Station last week was just another example of how our various "allies" through the last 20 years have helped destroy our reason to trust anyone.

On the flip side of that is karma. Is it bad karma for us because we abandoned the Kurds recently? Have we gotten what we deserved because of our own selfish deeds?

I remember the "Fall of Saigon" in 1975 and how, whether by accident or design, we (America) left thousands of our South Vietnamese allies stranded there and at the "mercy" of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese.

The lucky ones left Vietnam by boat and settled elsewhere, but many perished at the hands of the Communists and the perils of the ocean.

The 911 attackers were from Saudi Arabia and that wasn't by accident.

OsamabinLaden employed them to make a point that his version of the Muslim holy land, home to Mecca and Medina, did not include military



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bases filled with infidels – or non-Muslims.

He is dead, we are still there and the Middle East is still a mess.

The Kingdom claims no knowledge of the recruiting and use of Saudis in the 911 attacks and they may be telling the truth, but there is no denying the vast majority of orthodox Muslims aren't too happy with our troops defiling their holy land with non-believers.

The Kingdom is still happy to have access to a vast array of American military equipment and our protection against Isis, Al Quiada, etc., but most of all against Iran.

Americans are naive when it comes to understanding the Muslim religion and find it hard to believe that all Muslims are not joined at the hip viv-a-vis anti-Western

values or violent anti-Judeo-Christian actions.

Examining the stabbing in the back issue, this Saudi pilot-in-training that shot and killed his fellow classmates after attending classes with them for the last two years was obviously radicalized at some point along the way.

Or, was it merely an insult from a fellow classmate or some television show that was the last straw and sent him into a rage?

People ask how it was that he had a weapon on base?

This is just another example of public naivete.

The so-called "security gates" at military bases throughout the land do not have drug sniffing dogs or metal detectors checking every vehicle, nor would local police be wary of a foreigner buying a gun at a gun show or through a pawn shop or from an underground private source.

Even if a background check was done, the Saudi in question most likely had no criminal past that would register on American databases.

Did the Saudis do every-

thing they could to vet the student? Most likely, because they wouldn't want this event anymore than the mothers of the three killed.

The Kingdom, like many other regimes throughout the world, are afraid of being put to death by their fellow Muslims because of doctrinal disagreements.

Most of us of a certain age remember the Catholic

versus Protestant violence in Northern Ireland.

Differences in Muslim doctrine can be equally as brutal or far worse.

Suicide vests were not a common item back in the days of Irish violence, but Muslim radicals seem to have no such qualms.

It is a cliché, but nonetheless, buyer beware if you are a Saudi. American munitions can lead to unhappy citizens, even if they disagree with Iran. As they say: The enemy

of my enemy is my friend. All clichés aside, the fact that Sunnis and Shiites disagree doesn't mean either one of them likes America.

Perhaps the Saudis should compensate families of the dead \$1 million each? Or would they rather have us expel all foreign students from military training?

They know we would never dare because of the billions in armaments they buy from our military-industrial complex.

## Should you invest in China?

In this day and age, investing in China is simple.

There are dozens of mutual funds and index funds that focus completely on China. But whether or not you SHOULD invest in China is a much more difficult question.

The first thing to say is that investing in China is obviously very risky.

However, where there's risk, there's often reward – and there's an amazing amount of potential reward in China.

Chinese consumers only make up 40% of the Chinese economy.

If you compare that to 70% in America, you can see that the Chinese consumer has lots of room to grow.



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Financial Opinion

The opportunity becomes even more clear once you realize that China has 4 times more consumers than America. So, there's a lot of money to be made from Chinese consumers over the coming decades – American investors should think hard about benefitting from that.

However, there's another important angle to consider. Even if there is incredible profit potential in China – we

are in a trade war with them! Both Democrats and Republicans generally agree that China is taking advantage of us.

Should patriotic Americans profit from those advantages? During the Cold War, I don't think many Americans rushed to invest in the Soviet Union.

On the other hand, a lot of countries take advantage of us – and vice-versa.

If you start limiting your investments to only the highest ethical standards, you'll end up only investing in non-profits that make the world a better place (which is called charity).

So, investing in China comes with a lot of risk, a lot of potential reward – and a lot more to think about your typical non-US investment.

I think every investor should give the question some consideration.

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