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Chelan Basin Conservancy initiates effort to assemble a financial, logistical framework for the public acquisition of 900 acres on Chelan Butte

Submitted by
Chelan Basin Conservancy

CHELAN – The Chelan Basin Conservancy (CBC) has initiated an effort to assemble a financial and logistical framework for the public acquisition of 900 acres across the center of Chelan Butte in Chelan.

Area residents may recall that a similar effort was made by former Chelan Mayor Mike Cooney in 2018, an effort that ultimately did not come to fruition.

This renewed effort will likely depend on support from the City of Chelan, Chelan County, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, the Trust for Public Land, and members of the public.

CBC is optimistic that the current level of public desire for this to happen and the support of other key partners is such that this renewed effort can be successful.

The public acquisition of the Butte would serve to both preserve this iconic backdrop to the Lake Chelan Valley and prevent potential high-intensity development in the future.

The majority of these 900 acres is zoned for Tourist Accommodations, which could hypothetically allow for up to about 800 short-term rental units, in addition to a significant residential subdivision.

The negative impacts to the Lake Chelan Valley from such development in terms of traffic, infrastructure, and use of Lake



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Public acquisition of the Chelan Butte would serve to both preserve this iconic backdrop to the Lake Chelan Valley and prevent potential high-intensity development in the future.

Chelan would be substantial.

People can learn more about this issue at the Preserve the Chelan Butte page on CBC’s website chelanbasinconservancy.org.

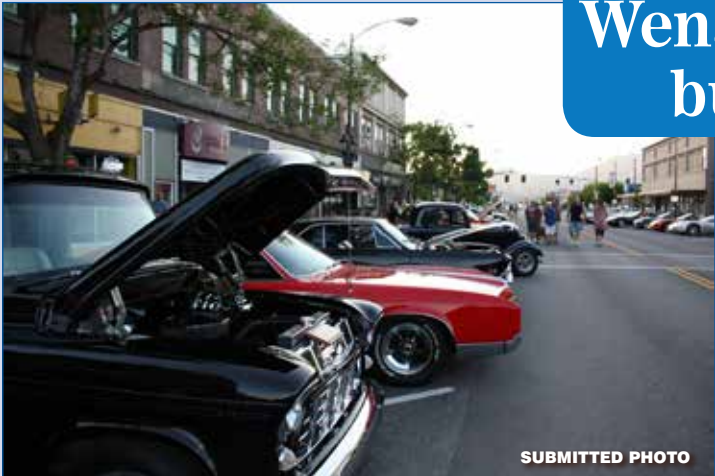
Chelan Basin Conservancy

has developed a petition to allow people to show their support for this effort. By getting a large number of people who live in, or visit, the Lake Chelan Valley to sign this petition, CBC can demon-

strate that the public sees this as a high-priority issue. We believe that this show of support is essential to gain financial and/or logistical assistance from the City of Chelan, Chelan County, and local

land trusts.

A link to this petition can be found on the home page of CBC’s website (noted above). Please show your support by signing - thank you.



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By Erin Mullins,
Reporter

Wenatchee is a part of the Washington Main Street Association, a longtime group which promotes local shopping and helps

business with marketing, workshops, advice and communication. The Wenatchee Main Street association has been around for over thirty years, said Linda Haglund, Executive Director of

Wenatchee Main Street Association helps businesses recover from the pandemic

the Wenatchee Main Street Association.

Main Street Associations exist across the country and have been around since the seventies. They were built out of a response to businesses moving out of the downtown area because of malls, said Breanne Durham, Executive Director of the Washington Main Street Association.

Washington Main Street Associations are non-profits run through the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

Durham said that across the state, businesses which had a local Main Street Association

faired better throughout the pandemic than those without an association.

The associations helped individuals to realize the important of shopping local during the pandemic and the value of local businesses to a community, she said.

While spending dropped at the beginning of the pandemic across the state, Main Street Association districts were better at rebounding. By October 2021, consumer spending in Main Street Association districts surged to significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels, according to a study by

the Washington Main Street Association.

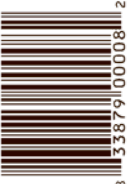
“We were able to prove through this study that when there is a local Main Street Association that when a crisis like a pandemic does come along that the community is more connected, and the business owners know who to go to in those first few days. The support is already there,” said Durham.

Restaurants were some of the businesses hit hardest by the pandemic. Restaurants in Main Street districts saw a decline of over 40 percent of consumer

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Chelan and Douglas County taxes owed on average among highest in Washington

By Erin Mullins, Reporter

Chelan and Douglas county’s average taxes owed per filer are among the highest of the state’s 39 counties, according to a study by SmartAsset, a personal finance technology company.

After filing taxes, taxpayers either receive a tax refund, which means they overpaid their taxes and will receive an amount of money back, or they underpaid, meaning that they end up owing the IRS money because they didn’t pay enough throughout the year.

SmartAsset analyzed data from the IRS nationwide to determine counties where people received the highest average tax refunds and the counties where people owed the most money after filing taxes.

Nationwide, Teton County,

Wyoming, received the largest tax refund with an average of a \$7,019 return while Martin County, Texas had the highest taxes owed with an average of \$35,630 owed.

In Washington, Douglas County was the fourth highest in taxes owed with an average of \$6,579. Chelan County ranked seventh with an average of \$6,207 owed. While Chelan and Douglas Counties had many taxpayers who owed money, Chelan ranked in the top ten for taxes refunded.

Chelan County ranked ninth for refunds with an average of \$2,848 refunded while Douglas County ranked thirtieth with an average of \$2,620 refunded. In Douglas County, which has a population of 45,520, a total of 4,160 taxpayers owed taxes while 15,390 received a refund. In Chelan County, which has a population of

76,653, a total of 8,750 taxpayers owed taxes while 29,320 received a refund.

In order to determine taxes refunded and owed, SmartAsset divided the total amount of money refunded by or owed to the IRS in each county by the number of filers who were refunded or owed money, said Steve Sabato, who helped SmartAsset with the study.

SmartAsset used the most recently available IRS tax return data from the Statistics of Income (SOI) study in their calculations, Sabato said. Tax data is available from 1989 to 2019. Smart Asset has conducted the study since 2018. In 2018, Chelan County ranked sixth for tax refunds while Douglas County ranked thirtieth.

Sabato said that the study did not examine reasons for the differences in taxes owed and returned but said that income and withholding

decisions are made on an individual basis and said that statistically residents in Chelan and Douglas counties were overpaying higher than those in other counties in the state.

SmartAsset conducted the study to “get people thinking and talking about big personal finance decisions.” The numbers in the study were adjusted per capita, looking at the average refund or bill in each county in the US per taxpayer.

There are ways for individuals to maximize their tax refunds, Sabato said.

“The size of your tax refund is determined by the amount you have overpaid in taxes in a particular year,” he said. “Adjusting the number of allowances you claim, as well as claiming tax credits for which you are eligible are two ways that people [maximize] their return.”

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.

Photo by Erin Mullins

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.

Kreidler extends orders on coronavirus and surprise billing to July 27

OLYMPIA – Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler has extended two emergency orders. His order requiring health insurers to waive copays and deductibles for any consumer requiring testing for the coronavirus (COVID-19) and his order protecting consumers from receiving surprise bills for lab fees related to medically necessary diagnostic testing for COVID-19 are both extended until July 27. Kreidler’s order waiving a cost-sharing applies to all state-regulated health insurance plans and short-term, limited-duration medical plans. The order on surprise billing applies to both in-state and out-of-state labo-

ratories when a provider orders diagnostic testing for COVID-19. Also, insurers must continue: Allowing a one-time early refill for prescription drugs. Suspending any prior authorization requirement for treatment or testing of COVID-19. In addition, if an insurer does not have enough medical providers in its network to provide testing or treatment for COVID-19, it must allow enrollees to be treated by another provider within a reasonable distance at no additional cost. “Consumers are rightly concerned about prevention, testing and possible treatment,” Kreidler said. “My emergency order provides guidance to health

insurers and should help reassure the public that we will take all necessary steps to protect them.” Kreidler is using powers granted to him following the statewide emergency that Gov. Jay Inslee declared to protect Washington residents against the spread of the coronavirus. When the governor issues an emergency proclamation, the commissioner can issue an emergency order related to health care coverage to ensure access to care. The order can be extended by the commissioner for 30 days at a time as long as the governor’s emergency proclamation remains in effect.

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Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler called to resign

By Erin Mullins, Reporter

Mike Kreidler, state insurance commissioner who was first elected in 2000, has been called by Governor Jay Inslee and legislative leaders to step down from his job after Kreidler fired a top aide who complained that the commissioner had bullied him, used crass language, and antagonized staff.

In a statement Inslee said: “Following Commissioner Kreidler’s admission that he treated staff poorly and used inappropriate language in the office, he committed to learning and doing better. The events of the last several

months demonstrate that he is unable to fulfill his leadership responsibility.”

Kreidler disagreed with Inslee’s call for him to step down. While he said that he takes responsibility for his past behavior, he said that he is committed to do better and can continue his duties as an elected official.

“I cannot comment on the details of an individual personal matter,” Kreidler said in a statement, “but the conclusion that an important and valued employee’s departure was because he filed a complaint against me is not true and does not reflect the full context of the story.”

Republican State Senator Brad Hawkins said in an email that he does not have direct knowledge of the allegations and has not interacted frequently with Kreidler or his office but how people treat others is important, “especially how public officials treat their office staff.”

Hawkins said that his few interactions with Kreidler were positive. He said that he has worked some with the staff member who was terminated and found him to be “hardworking and responsive” and that he has no reason to doubt the sincerity of those asking for his resignation.



Mike Kreidler

Ultimately, whether Kreidler should resign is a decision only he can make, Hawkins said.

“I have always been hesitant to publicly call for someone’s resignation because it is so often used as a partisan

political ploy. In this case, however, it appears that the calls for him to leave have been bipartisan,” he said.

According to the Seattle Times, Kreidler said that he has no plans to resign. The Columbian, a daily newspaper serving Vancouver, Washington, also called for Kreidler resignation in an opinion piece.

Based on recent allegations by potential and former employees of demeaning, racist, and rude behaviors, Kreidler is not fit for office, the opinion piece stated.

Kreidler is a democrat. In 2020 he was elected with 65 percent of the vote.

However, with the recent scandals sentiment against him is turning sour.

The Democratic Party called for him to step down following the employee’s termination.

Republican Minority Leader and State Representative. J.T. Wilcox tweeted that Kreidler should resign.

“Although he has had an impressive career in service, including many years of military service, it will be overshadowed by his bad behavior towards quality staff members and clinging to office far beyond a reasonable term,” Wilcox wrote.

Rep. Mike Steele receives Habitat for Humanity Golden Hammer Award for Advocacy in Affordable Homeownership



Submitted by Habitat for Humanity of Washington State

CHELAN – On June 8 Habitat for Humanity presented Representative Rep. Mike Steele of Chelan, with the Habitat Golden Hammer Award for Advocacy in Affordable Homeownership.

This award is reserved for leaders who create the most significant opportunities to reduce poverty through more affordable homeownership units.

This is one of nine presented to lawmakers for

their record investment in affordable homeownership efforts in the Capital Budget.

Representative Steele serves as the Ranking Minority Member of the Capital Budget. Habitat for Humanity and other affordable housing agencies rely on this fund to provide more units.

Representative Steele was instrumental in an investment of \$34 million dollars for future homes for the biennium. These funds are provided to agencies like Habitat for Humanity who compete through the Department of Commerce’s Housing Trust Fund later this summer. Representative Steele serves the 12th Dis-

trict, which includes Chelan and Douglas Counties, as well as parts of Grant and Okanogan where four of the 27 Habitat Affiliates across the State are located.

Habitat Affiliates build simple, decent homes that are sold to qualifying buyer whose incomes are low.

Habitat for Humanity of Washington State’s mission is advocacy and capacity by working with lawmakers to communicate the need and seek investments that help low-income families gain independence and build wealth. Having enough affordable housing is essential to the economy and vitality of a community.



COURTESY OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF WASHINGTON STATE

Habitat for Humanity of Washington State recently presented Rep. Mike Steele with their Golden Hammer Award. Left to right are Diane Leigh, Board Member of Lake Chelan Valley Habitat, Michelle Fanton, new Executive Director of Lake Chelan Habitat, Rep. Mike Steele, Adan Espino, Habitat Washington’s Lobbyist and Loni Rahm, past Executive Director of Lake Chelan Valley Habitat for Humanity.

“Habitat and others like us use state funding to change the lives of families and sta-

bilize the economy in communities across our state. We will partner with families

who will own their Habitat home, and no longer need their section 8 v

New Beta Hatch Ribbon Cutting ceremony

By Kirk Beckendorf, Correspondent

Beta Hatch, a unique insect farming operation in Cashmere, celebrated its official grand opening on June 24th. Beta Hatch Founder and CEO, Virginia Emery, and Governor Jay Inslee, both spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony highlighting the innovative and sustainable methods utilized by the new agricultural enterprise.

Housed in the old TreeTop juice factory, the company’s high tech flagship facility is pioneering sustainable agriculture. The building utilizes “waste” heat from the adjacent data center, while 2-inch-long meal worms, in thousands of trays reaching from floor to ceiling, are feasting on fruit “waste” from nearby Crunch Pak. The larval stage of the insect is harvested and marketed as nutrient rich animal feed.

Emery led Inslee and others on a tour of the facility showing him the inner workings of the operation and the life of mealworms, squeezing between rows of trays of wriggling



Beta Hatch insect food

beetles and viewing living samples of the different life stages of the insect.

Emery, a PhD entomologist, told the crowd that she had a crazy idea. “When I first saw this facility in 2017, I thought, this would be a great spot to grow bugs.”

Emery explained that the farm is North America’s largest mealworm farm for animal feed. “We can harvest 365 days of the year. So, in a given month we have more harvests than most farmers in their entire lifetime.” A mealworm’s life cycle includes eggs, pupa, larva, and the adult beetle. Beta Hatch harvest the larva stage, which is a small 2-inch-long worm-like form. Rudolph explained that the Cashmere facility will primarily be used to raise mealworm eggs which will be shipped to other facilities, that will grow the insects to the larval stage.

Governor Inslee described Cashmere as becoming an intellectual center and compared Beta Hatch to Microsoft and Amazon, in terms of their high-tech enterprise and scientific innovation. He predicted that spin offs will occur resulting in additional high-tech companies and new forms of agriculture in Chelan County.

Backed by vertical layers of stacked insect trays reaching to the top of the building, Emery explained that annually the one-acre footprint of Beta Hatch will be able to produce as much protein as 5000 acres of soybeans, and only use 2% of the amount

of water required by a soybean crop. The food used to feed the insects, waste products from the fruit industry, is purchased locally from Crunch Pak and travels less than 2 miles, another sustainability component of the enterprise according to Emery.

The insect poop produced from the operation is called frass. Emery joked “That frass happens here.”, especially during the pandemic. She praised her staff for handling the frass very well. Full of nutrients, the frass is marketed as a soil amendment and fertilizer. Emery stated that over 100 acres of experimental field trials are being conducted in hops, apple, pear and other tree fruits to determine the efficacy of the frass when used in orchards. She indicated argued that the use of frass would help to make those crops more sustainable.

According to Emery, the company has more demand for their products than they have supply, and they plan to starting building two new facilities in the Wenatchee area this summer. Beta Hatch is also seeking to expand the use of their product into the commercial fish farming industry. Currently those operations catch wild fish to feed the farmed fish. Emery explained that for every pound of mealworms they produce to feed fish, will eliminate 1 pound of wild fish that is harvested. Inslee suggested that there will be global demand for the Beta Hatch sustainable products due



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Dr. Virginia Emery, Founder and CEO of Beta Hatch, cuts the ribbon of the insect farm’s grand opening in Cashmere.

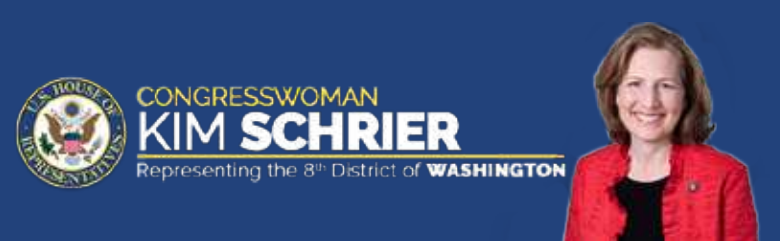
to forecasted shortages in water, land and being short of a livable climate. These shortages will produce enormous demands for efficient and sustainable food producing technologies.

According to Emery the Cashmere facility is a demonstration of what is possible “when biotechnology and engineering come together to solve the problems of the future.” We have a mission to create year-round jobs. We are so glad to be in the city of Cashmere and bring jobs back into this old building. The company has about 45 onsite production employees according to Aimee Rudolph, V.P. of Business Development. She said that locally there will be two additional facilities and they are specifically looking for locations that are adjacent to data centers and close to food processing business.

The Governor said that he was excited to see the skill sets being developed in Cashmere at Beta Hatch. Creating high tech talent to be able to run the machines is essential and Inslee said it is exciting to see Washingtonians create whole new technology systems in Cashmere.

He explained that the state of Washington also was involved in the project, providing a \$937,800 grant from the Dept of Commerce’s Clean Energy Fund to support the company’s efforts to develop an innovative solution to capture the waste heat from the adjacent data center. The result has cut energy consumption for the indoor farm by 50%, Emery told the group.

“Every day we solve problems that no one has ever solved before”, concluded Dr. Emery.



Rep. Schrier pushes Biden Administration to implement federal firefighter pay increase before peak wildfire season

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Kim Schrier, M.D. (WA-08) led 21 of her colleagues in sending a letter to several officials in the Biden Administration, pushing them to implement a federal firefighter pay increase before peak wildfire season begins.

An increase in pay and benefits for federal wildland firefighters was included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that President Biden signed last November.

The members said, “We have heard time and time again from firefighters in our districts and around the country how current pay rates create significant challenges with recruiting and retention.

Congress authorized and appropriated funding... to help address the staffing shortages that persist throughout the federal land management agencies.

While we acknowledge the complexities of identifying where pay presents a barrier to recruitment and retention, the reality is that federal wildland firefighters are underpaid nationwide.

The longer it takes to put these pay raises in place, the more difficult it will be to meet the staffing levels necessary to confront this year’s wildfires which are already burning.”

The letter was sent to U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack, Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, and U.S. Office of Personnel Management Director Kiran Ahuja.

Earlier this month the Biden Administration announced that they were working on the pay increase and that one could be expected in the coming weeks.

The letter urges an implementation as quickly as possible

to assist firefighting departments with hiring. In most parts of the western U.S., the wildfire season is already underway. The full letter is below.

Dear Secretary Vilsack, Secretary Haaland, and Director Ahuja: We write in response to the recent update from Deputy Chief of State and Private Forestry Jaelith Hall-Rivera that federal firefighter payment increases included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are expected in the next few weeks. We continue to urge expeditious implementation of the pay increase.

As you know, a changing climate is exacerbating the challenges posed to our communities by wildfire. In 2021, roughly 59,000 wildland fires burned more than 7.1 million acres and resulted in more than \$4.4 billion in state and federal

suppression expenditures.

This year, the potential for extreme fire behavior is higher than average throughout much of the country through September.

We have heard time and time again from firefighters in our districts and around the country how current pay rates create significant challenges with recruiting and retention.

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the more difficult it will be to meet the staffing levels necessary to confront this year’s wildfires which are already burning.

We have also heard from fire departments in our districts and states that are concerned with lower levels of staffing, it will be more difficult to contain increasingly catastrophic wildfires, putting firefighters more at risk and making their jobs even more difficult. We must ensure they are compensated fairly and more in line with their local and state firefighter counterparts.

Federal wildland firefighters work alongside local and state firefighters on fires every year but continue to be disproportionately undercompensated.

We appreciate your work up to implement the provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law as quickly as possible and ask that

you raise wildland firefighter salaries as quickly as possible.

UPDATE: The Biden-Harris administration announced new pay raises and support for wildland firefighter workforce on June 21.

A new set of temporary pay increases will give wildland firefighters retroactive pay (from October 1, 2021, increasing bi-weekly pay to the lesser of \$20,000 or 50% of their annual base salary through September 2023.

Additionally, the bill will create year-round firefighting jobs and support mental health care. Representative Kim Schrier said:

“The thing hindering us right now, in every sector of our society, is simply that we do not have enough of a workforce for a variety of reasons. And so, it incentivizes people to become firefighters,” she said.

West Cashmere Bridge holds opening and dedication ceremony

By Erin Mullins, Reporter

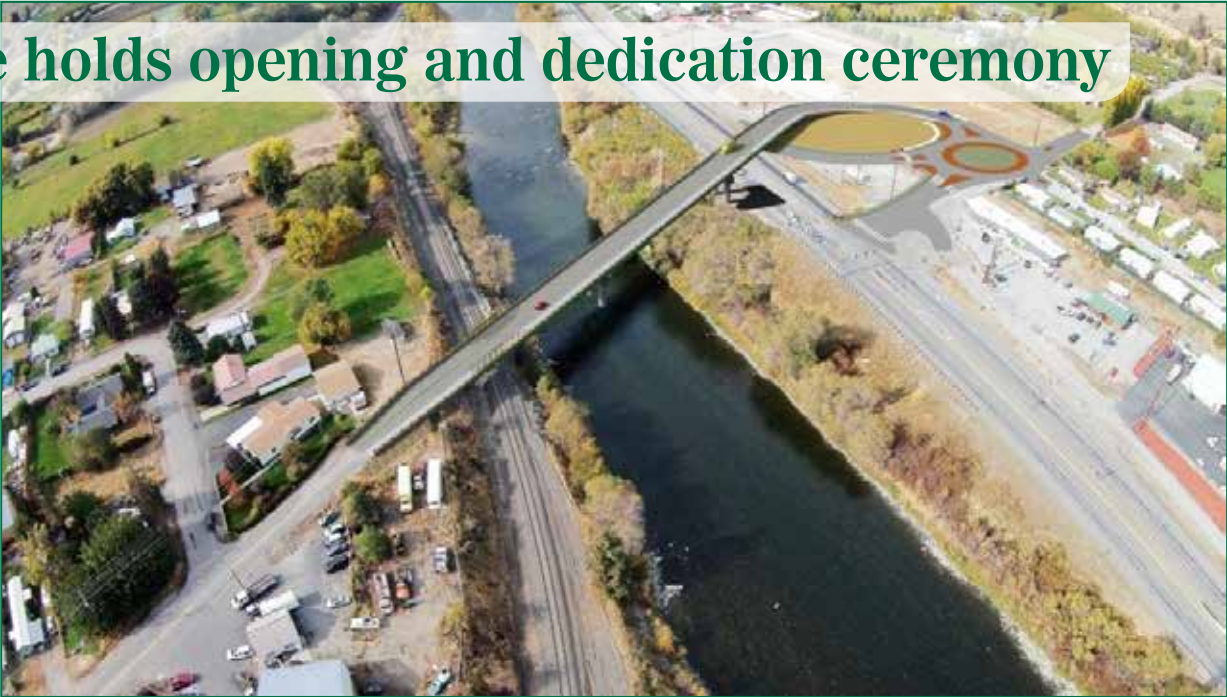
The West Cashmere Bridge held an opening and dedication ceremony on June 22 at 10 am to commemorate the completion of Chelan County’s largest-ever transportation project, which cost about \$27 million in total. The bridge replaced the former Goodwin Road Bridge and provides large vehicles access to Cashmere without going through downtown.

Previously, semitrucks and other large vehicles transporting goods had to go through Cashmere’s downtown to deliver. The bridge is expected to allow for more industrial development in Cashmere as well

as provide another point of access for Link Transit.

Chelan County Commissioner Bob Bugert introduced the project and expressed his gratitude to the community for seeing the project through. State Senator Hawkins said before funding for the project was found, he was worried that the old bridge would eventually have to be closed.

“I feared over time that the bridge would render itself and undrivable because it was falling apart,” Hawkins said. “And so in 2017... I got elected senator and the Senate Republicans happened to be in the majority... and my office thought well maybe



SUBMITTED BY SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

An aerial view of the completed West Cashmere Bridge, which had a dedication ceremony on June 22. The bridge replaces the former Goodwin Road Bridge.

there is an opportunity where we can round up support.”

In 2017, there was still a \$5 million deficit in funding the bridge, Hawkins said. The gap was funded by \$2 million in the state transportation budget and \$3 million in a state mobility grant. He said that receiving such a large amount from the state transportation budget only happens occasionally and that it was a huge showing of support.

State Representative Keith Goehner said that before the new bridge

was built transportation from that side of Cashmere was very limited. Emergency vehicles and freight couldn’t travel over the old bridge, he said.

“When you think about a community, a lot of time the infrastructure is taken for granted,” Goehner said.

“In this case the threat of losing an access point really did make everyone aware that this is a serious thing because it really does have an impact on Cashmere.”

After 100 years, the structural integrity of the former Goodwin Road Bridge was

compromised, he said. The new bridge also helps to expand railroad crossings in Cashmere, he said. Although the project went over its initial budget, Goehner is glad that such a tremendous asset for Cashmere is now open.

Richard DeRock, general manager at Link Transit, said in an interview that the new bridge will provide Link Transit access to Cashmere that hasn’t been available for over twenty years. Many years ago, Link Transit used the Goodwin Road Bridge for transporta-

tion but had to stop due to the weight restrictions.

DeRock said that Link Transit will be building bus stop shelters and creating highway stops at the bridge in the next couple months, which will provide more access points for Route 22. Eventually, Link Transit may expand services to the industrial areas of Cashmere, he said.

The dedication ceremony closed with Bob Bugert inviting the attending community members to walk over the new bridge and enjoy a beautiful view of the river.



PHOTO BY ERIN MULLINS

Chelan County Commissioner Bob Bugert gives background on the West Cashmere Bridge project and introduces various speakers who talked about their roles in opening the bridge.



WILDFIRE SEASON



Submitted by Barbara Carrillo
Director, Chumstick Wildfire
Stewardship Coalition

The long hot days of summer are right around the corner, and with warmer days, the chance of wildfires and emergency evacuations begin to increase.

Are you wildfire evacuation ready? Wildfire evacuation ready means that you and your family are prepared by creating and maintaining a defensible space around your home that is hardened against flying fire embers.

Additionally, wildfire ready families are familiar with local news or emergency outlets and are signed up for emergency, evacuation, and wildfire notices where available.

What else makes you wildfire ready? An evacuation checklist does. Prepare an evacuation checklist for your family and pets and pack in advance. This will assist you in being ready when a wildfire or evacuation notice comes in.

Your evacuation checklist should include a meeting place for your family and pets outside the fire or hazard area and include several escape routes from your home and community as well as a central point of contact for all relatives.

Be ready by preparing an emergency supply kit for each person and keep at least one in each vehicle. Store a portable radio or scanner in your car to help you stay updated on the status of a fire.

Your evacuation checklist and emergency supply kits should include the “Six P Checklist” including

1) People and pets,

2) Papers, phone numbers, and important documents,

3) Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses,

4) Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia,

5) Personal computer hard drive and disks,

6) Plastic (credit cards, ATM cards and cash).

Additionally, secure your home, close and lock doors and windows and inform family and neighbors of your evacuation plan.

Always keep a half tank of gas in your vehicle, have enough cash to pay one week’s expenses in case banks and ATMs are not accessible, leave early if possible, and follow recommended evacuation routes.



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Be alert for road hazards, such as flooding, washed-out roads and bridges and downed power lines.

Sign up for emergency alert systems such as the Chelan County Emergency Alert System at <https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/public.aspx?regionid=1184>. This is a free service for the residents

of Chelan County. Chelan County Fire District 3 also has a webpage located at <https://chelanfd3.org/> and their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/ChelanCounty-Fire3>.

For more wildfire evacuation tips go to www.Chumstickcoalition.org, Before the Fire!



Washington State Department of
Labor & Industries

Washington increases heat, wildfire smoke protections for outdoor workers this summer

Submitted by Washington State
Dept. of Labor & Industries

TUMWATER – From June 15 through the end of September, employers in Washington will be required to monitor temperature and air quality, take steps to protect workers from heat and smoke hazards, and provide training and information, among other things.

June 1, the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) filed emergency outdoor heat exposure and wildfire smoke rules to protect farm and construction workers, roofers, road crews, and anyone else whose job keeps them outside. They are designed to help keep workers safe this summer as L&I continues to develop permanent rules to address the serious hazards posed by extreme heat and exposure to wildfire smoke.

“The record-setting heat wave last summer underscored the importance of protecting outdoor workers,” said Craig Blackwood, L&I’s assistant director for the Division of Occupational Safety & Health. “Add in the smoke from more frequent and devastating wildfires, which is a proven hazard, and it’s a recipe for danger every summer.”

Outdoor heat exposure rules

When temperatures are at or above

89 degrees, the emergency heat rules combined with existing rules require employers to:

- *Provide enough sufficiently cool water for each employee to drink at least a quart an hour.*
- *Provide sufficient shade that is large enough for and close enough to workers.*
- *Encourage and allow workers to take paid preventative cool-down breaks as needed; and,*
- *Require a 10-minute, paid cool-down break every two hours.*

Existing rules already require ready access to at least one quart of drinking water per worker per hour, an outdoor heat exposure safety program with training, and an appropriate response to workers who are experiencing heat-related illness symptoms.

Depending on the type of clothing workers are wearing, the temperature at which the requirements kick in may be even lower. Employers can substitute other means of lowering body temperature for shade, like an air-conditioned trailer or a misting station.

Employers must monitor temperatures and have a system in place, like a mandatory buddy rule, regular check-in by phone or radio, or other effective method to catch signs of heat-related illness. If

there are signs of illness, employers must relieve workers from duty, provide shade or other means of cooling down, and determine if additional medical attention is needed.

L&I’s Be Heat Smart web page has complete details of the requirements and additional steps employers and workers can take to prevent heat-related illnesses.

Wildfire smoke rules

Smoke from wildfires contains fine particles that can reach the deepest parts of the lungs, causing serious health problems. L&I’s emergency rule requires employers to monitor air quality and take action when outdoor workers are exposed to wildfire smoke and the Air Quality Index (AQI) is at 101 or higher. Some actions are required at an AQI of 69.

When workers show signs of injury or illness related to smoke, employers must monitor those workers to determine if medical care is needed and cannot prevent workers from seeking medical treatment.

If the AQI is at 69 or higher, employers are encouraged to limit their workers’ exposure to smoke by:

- *Reducing, rescheduling, or relocating work.*
- *Providing enclosed buildings or vehicles where the air is filtered; and,*

- *Reducing the work intensity or increasing rest periods.*

When the AQI is at 101 or higher, steps to limit workers’ exposure to smoke is required whenever feasible.

At AQI 69 or higher, employers are encouraged to provide respirators at no cost to the workers and workers can wear respiratory protection if they choose. At AQI 101, employers must provide respirators for voluntary use – an increase in protection from last year’s wildfire smoke rule.

Employees must be provided with and are required to wear more protective respirators when particulates from wildfire smoke are measured at 555 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m3) or higher, a level both extremely hazardous and rare that is beyond the top of the AQI scale of 500.

L&I also recommends employers take action to reduce employee exposure to dangerous air at even lower AQI levels, especially for sensitive groups including those with asthma or other lung conditions.

There are additional details available on L&I’s wildfire smoke web page.

Planning and worker training Employers are required to include wildfire smoke response and outdoor heat exposure in their written Accident Prevention Plan, and must train workers on the hazards, mitigation steps, and plans for responding to problems before they work in heat or wildfire smoke.

Developing permanent rulesL&I is developing permanent rules for both heat and wildfire smoke exposures, has presented research findings on health effects of smoke and heat to stakeholders, surveyed employers and employees on their experiences with the 2021 emergency rules, and is continuing to conduct stakeholder meeting to get input on draft language for the permanent rules.

There more information on the development of permanent rules on L&I’s Rulemaking Process page.



STOCK PHOTO



Gerald Lewis

Photos and article by
Lindsay Timmermans

After 20 years in the making, the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery dedicated its newly completed Pilot Circular Tanks Project on Thursday, June 23 in a ceremony honoring the salmon and the land with a quorum of groups including tribal partners from the Yakama Tribal Council, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, federal, state and local groups including the Icicle Work Group, Reclamation, Biologists, Dept. of

Hatchery Dedication Pilot Circular Tanks

Ecology, Fisheries, Chelan County Natural Resources, and Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Hatchery staff.

The pilot circular tanks project is expected to cut water usage by 1/2 on a 5-year pilot study measuring how well the salmon grow and return and improve stream flow in the Icicle River.

Gerald Lewis, Vice-Chairman of Yakama Nation Tribal Council, sang an ancestral song and spoke of the first food of the summer season being salmon and to honor them by announcing yourself at the water to fish so the land knows you, (hence their given names), to offer something as a trade, and to continue traditions their ancestors and elders taught new generations about the culture and connectivity to the land, and that it must be protected.



Pictured are Piper and Hattie Timmermans viewing the smolt in the new circular tank viewing window.

Icicle Fund’s Long Spoon Celebration is about Inspiration and Connection

by Marlene Farrell

In early June, Icicle Fund hosted an inaugural Long Spoons celebration at Icicle Creek Center for the Arts’ Snowy Owl Theater.

Over eighty people attended; they were creators, educators and nonprofit organization representatives who are deeply committed to work connected to the environment, the arts and history of North Central Washington. Representatives from Icicle Fund’s founding partner organizations were all there: The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, Chelan Douglas Land Trust, Methow Arts Alliance, Wenatchee River Institute and Icicle Creek Center for the Arts.

The environment, art and history have been the focal points of Icicle Fund and its founder Harriet Bullitt. The name Long Spoons derives from a parable beloved by Bullitt. The parable reflects how a challenge – trying and failing to feed oneself with an overly long spoon – can be overcome and turned into

opportunity through community and innovation – by using the long spoons to feed each other instead.

Thus, the celebration was an honoring of Harriet Bullitt and also a call to action to continue her legacy. “This place has been changed by Harriet’s vision and actions,” said Icicle Fund Executive Director, Christine Morgan. “She’s allowed us to be our best and this is the sign of a true leader.”

“I appreciated Christine having an open and vulnerable heart to us when speaking about Harriet. It was clear Harriet made an impression on her both professionally and personally,” said Shawn Cardwell, Executive Director of Columbia Basin Allied Arts in Moses Lake.

Artist and former wildlife biologist Heather Murphy shared, “I was both sad and proud at the Long Spoons presentation. Sad because our friend Harriet Bullitt was gone. Everywhere I looked, I saw her fingerprints, felt her questions and heard her



FILE PHOTO

Herriet Bullitt, Icicle Fund founder.

laughter. “Proud, because I felt her vision was being upheld. To help, to steward and to highlight the arts, music, environment, conservation, history and culture of this area.”

Murphy was a two-time Conservation, History and Art (CHA) artist in residence, a program supported by Icicle Fund and Methow Arts Alliance. The Long Spoons celebration also served as an exhibit of work by all CHA artists who visited both the Methow and

the Wenatchee watersheds. Murphy had four works on display, including paintings and illustrated poems. Murphy’s work and that of other CHA artists is for sale with proceeds going back to the Icicle Fund. The exhibit will travel to galleries in Twisp, Wenatchee and Ellensburg.

The event also spotlighted quality art education sprung from an Icicle Fund initiative, again in partnership with Methow Arts Alliance. Kenny Renner-Singer, principal of Alpine Lakes Elemen-

tary in the Cascade School District, explained that in his seventeen years with the district, art education had been inconsistent until now, relying on volunteers and utilizing the upper-level art teacher in the elementary schools occasionally. With a Youth Art Initiative grant, dedicated artists, Amber Zimmerman and Lore Smart, worked in every elementary classroom weekly, teaching technique-based lessons. “Art is everywhere!” Renner-Singer boasted. It’s infused in the culture of the schools, which has had a profound impact.

Attendee Curt Soper, Executive Director of Chelan Douglas Land Trust, was delighted to converse with the Youth Art Initiative teachers Zimmerman and Smart, saying, “They are an inspiration and their work with our local students makes me very optimistic about the future.”

Before and after a short presentation, there was time for guests to mingle with the intent of learning from and inspiring each other. Everyone had written a snippet of

a dream on their name tags to enliven conversation and offer chances to exchange and revel in shared passions and curiosities.

Morgan suggested, “Find people who can share the work, or who can help you think about how you can do the work differently and better!”

“My dream was to facilitate the use of art as an expression,” said Cardwell. “At the time I wrote it, I was thinking of the Uvalde community and ways in which my profession, arts presenting, could do any even small part in preventing a tragedy like that from happening again. My organization [Columbia Basin Allied Arts] is doing a theater residency with the Mandala Center in spring 2023 that will facilitate self-reflection and healing in high school students and community members. But after this event and speaking with the CHA resident artists, I realize art can also be a strong expression for the land we inhabit, as well.”

Toward the end of the gathering, Morgan announced

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\$120 million in low-interest state loans available for local infrastructure projects

Washington Public Works Board accepting loan applications now through Sept. 9

Submitted by
Washington State
Public Works Board

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Public Works Board (PWB) is accepting applications for infrastructure construction and pre-construction loans now through midnight, Sept. 9. Cities, counties, special purpose districts and quasi-municipal organizations may apply.

Infrastructure systems eligible for these very low-interest state loans – between 0.47 and 1.39% for a 20-year construction loan – include streets and roads, bridges, domestic water, stormwater, sanitary sewer, and solid waste and recycling.

Approximately \$115 million is available for construction loans, and \$2.9 million for pre-construction

loans. This is the second loan application cycle of the 2021-23 state budget. Funds are awarded to projects that pass through the rating threshold based on a competitive ranking process.

The process for rating and ranking begins Sept. 12, and awards are expected to be announced Oct. 7. Depending on the number and qualifications of applicants, there is no guarantee funds will be available for future loan cycles.

In the event that not all funds are committed in the first, subsequent cycles will open every six months for construction loans and every four months for pre-construction loans.

An additional \$1.94 million is being deposited in the emergency loan account, bringing available

funds to \$5 million. Applications for emergency funding remain open on a first-come, first-served basis until all available funds set aside for this program are exhausted.

This funding is only available for emergencies in distressed communities and can be awarded as grants under qualifying circumstances.

More information, application, and contact:

Visit the Public Works Board financing webpage at <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/pwb-financing/> for more information and to complete the online application.

For questions, please contact Traditional Programs Director and Tribal Liaison Mark Rentfrow at mark.rentfrow@commerce.wa.gov, (360) 529-6432.



Confluence Health Welcomes New CEO Dr. Andrew Jones

By Megan Sokol, Staff Writer

Confluence Health introduces Dr. Andrew Jones as their new CEO. He will be transitioning into his new position by early July 2022.

“We are all excited to make the move to the Pacific Northwest and look forward to becoming a part of this wonderful community,” Dr. Jones said.

Dr. Jones will be transitioning from his previous position as the Chief Medical Officer/Vice President of Medical for St. Mary’s Medical Center from Grand Junction, Colo-



Dr. Andrew Jones

rado. He received his MBA in Health Administration from the University of Colorado and attended the University of Oklahoma

Health Sciences Center for his M.D. in Family Medicine.

“I want to provide world-class care and create a terrific work environment. I can see that Confluence Health shares these values, which makes me excited to be a part of it. As an added bonus, I grew up and have lived for many years in communities about the same size as Wenatchee, so coming here along with my family doesn’t feel like we’re ‘moving away’ but rather like we’re coming home and that’s a great feeling.”

Chelan County co-responder program highlighted at national conference

Submitted by Jill FitzSimmons Chelan County public information officer

The Chelan County Behavioral Health Unit’s program manager, Ana Johnson, spoke recently at the 2022 National Co-Responder Conference in Chapel Hill, N.C., about how other rural agencies can establish co-responder programs.

Held June 6-8, the National Co-Responder Conference brings together law enforcement agencies and mental health professionals from 25 states.

More than 300 people



Ana Johnson

attended the conference. Co-responders are social workers or mental health professionals who respond to calls for service alongside law enforcement officials.

Johnson’s presentation, titled Helping the Hidden: Implementation of Rural Co-Responder Programs, focused on how to establish a co-responder program, the challenges and successes of Chelan County’s program, patrol buy-in, and community response. Chelan County is the first county in North Central Washington to establish and develop a co-responder program; its program was established in 2021.

Chief of Patrol Adam Musgrove spoke during the presentation on behalf of the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office. Contact 509-667-6545.



Sam Askew appointed to Washington Tourism Marketing Authority Advisory Committee

Leading hospitality industry veteran will give voice to Tribal communities and interests

Submitted by Washington State Dept. of Commerce

OLYMPIA – Sam Askew, Executive Director of Resort Operations at Northern Quest Resort & Casino, has been appointed to the Washington Tourism Marketing Authority Advisory Committee by Commerce Director Lisa Brown. Askew fills a vacant position on the four-person committee reserved for representing the interests and perspectives of Washington’s Tribal communities.

“Sam’s energy and extensive background in the hospitality industry will be a tremendous addition to the committee. We’re delighted to have his perspective and years of successful work with several of Washington’s Tribal-owned resorts and entertainment operations that collectively contribute to strengthening both our local and state economies,” said Commerce Director Brown.

Askew currently oversees all operational aspects of resort hospitality and guest experience at Northern Quest, including hotel, food and beverage, spa, retail, and transportation. Northern Quest Resort & Casino is owned by the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, whose leaders commented on Askew’s “strong history of building and leading teams that are diverse in culture and background but unified in spirit and focus.”

Askew previously worked as Executive Director of Resort Operations at Muckleshoot Casino, where he planned the development and launch of a 400-room luxury hotel originally set to open in 2022 and



Sam Askew

delayed by the global pandemic. At Muckleshoot, he was also responsible for food and beverage, retail, valet, and renovations to the casino floor. Prior to Muckleshoot, Askew worked in several leadership positions for other Washington state Tribal properties, including the Suquamish, Tulalip and Squaxin Island Tribes.

Key positions include time as the CEO of Port Madison Enterprises, the economic development arm of the Suquamish Tribe, and seven years as the General Manager/Vice President of Hospitality for Tulalip Resort Casino.

“I’m honored to be a part of the advisory committee and speak with a voice on behalf of Washington state tribes,” says Askew.

“I look forward to contributing to this committee and am grateful to the Kalispel Tribe for allowing me to serve in this valuable capacity for the benefit of Washington tourism.”

Askew fills a vacant position reserved for representing the interests and input of Washington’s Tribal communities on the four-person committee.

The committee advises the larger Washington Tourism Marketing Authority Board on funding and implementing a statewide tourism marketing plan. Tourism is the fourth largest industry in Washington state, employing more than 182,700 workers and generating \$21.4 billion in annual spending.

Learn more at the authority’s webpage, commerce.wa.gov and visit www.stateofwa-tourism.com to plan your next vacation in Washington.



Chelan-Douglas Land Trust hires new executive director

Submitted by Kathy Peven

WENATCHEE – The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) has hired a new Executive Director. After a wide-ranging search at the local, regional, and national levels that provided many strong applicants, the Board of Directors selected Eunice Youmans to lead the organization in its service to conservation and community.

Youmans is the first woman executive director in CDLT’s 37-year history. She brings an extensive background in non-profit management, land manage-

ment, fundraising, relationship building, international climate policy and climate change, strategic planning, and business development.

Said Youmans, “I am excited to join CDLT. From the minute I saw the job announcement and looked more closely at the amazing things that are happening in North Central Washington to preserve and protect land and wildlife habitat, I was determined to be a part of this tremendous organization.”

Curt Soper, CDLT’s Executive Director for the past 6 years, will be working with Youmans for several months to ensure

a smooth transition before he officially begins his retirement. Youmans and her family will be relocating from Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts and she will begin her position in early August.

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is a local non-profit working to conserve our land, our water, and our access to natural areas.

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Chelan County Public Utility District former general manager receives American Public Power Association’s exceptional leadership award

Submitted by Tobias Sellier

NASHVILLE – Steve Wright, former general manager of Chelan County Public Utility District in Wenatchee, Washington, and former administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Oregon, received the Alex Radin Distinguished Service Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

The award is the highest

award granted by APPA. It recognizes exceptional leadership and dedication to public power.

Steve Wright’s career spans over four decades of public service in the energy industry.

The first 32 years of his career were spent at the Bonneville Power Administration, including 12 years as administrator, making him the second longest-tenured administrator in BPA history.

Steve was the general

manager of Chelan County PUD from 2013 until his retirement this year, during which time he led the development of two community-based strategic plans to help customer-owners engage in the future of the PUD and their communities.

Under Steve’s leadership, Chelan PUD lowered its debt ratio while substantially increasing investments in its hydropower, transmission, distribution, water, and wastewater assets – providing long-term value for its

customer-owners.

At the national level, Steve recognized the need for policy changes that support hydropower into the future and partnered with the National Hydropower Association to develop a roadmap.

He encouraged public power to create an organization to actively support hydropower that became Northwest RiverPartners.

Steve served on APPA’s Board of Directors and the CEO Climate Change and Generation Policy Task Force, which leads APPA’s efforts to develop consensus positions for public power on climate change policy.

About the American Public Power Association:

The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. We represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 96,000 people they employ. Our association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Our members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.



Steve Wright

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Icicle Fund’s Long Spoon Celebration

nounced that one lucky organization would win a \$1500 Long Spoons grant. Waste Loop, a Leavenworth-based organization with a mission to expand recycling and composting and reduce waste, won the grant.

“Waste Loop is honored and humbled to have received the Long Spoons Celebration Grant raffle,” said Ariaahna Jones, Waste Loop Executive Director. “We have been inspired by the Icicle Fund’s ability to promote the intersections between art, the environment and the cultural and natural history of communities, so we plan to utilize the funds to weave these together through an art/education installation at the new community compost drop-off point.”

Morgan also shared the news, that in addition to a lifetime of dedicated work, Harriet Bullitt made a final bequest before she passed away of \$12 million to Icicle Fund, which will be used strategically in the future to continue to uplift the communities of North Central Washington. Attendees left the celebration with thoughts revolving around the answer to Morgan’s question, “What will your legacy be?”



Denis Shtengelov

By Megan Sokol, Staff Writer

Cashmere’s crown jewel, Liberty Orchards, was in brief peril when CEO Greg Taylor announced that the company would shut down if they did not find new owners by June of 2021. One owner stood amongst the rest, thus saving Cashmere’s most prized manufacturer.

Profile of Denis Shtengelov, the Russian CEO of Liberty Orchards

Liberty Orchards was originally created by two Armenian immigrants, Armen Tertsagian and Mark Balaban in 1918.

Tertsagian’s grandson was the company’s CEO for over 40 years and had been searching for a successor tentatively towards the final tradeoff with KDV USA.

KDV USA bought Liberty Orchards shortly before Taylor’s deadline on May 31. Current Liberty Orchards CEO Mark Kipness helped broker the deal for the KDV Group. Kipness is based in New York.

When Cashmere Valley Record attempted to contact Kipnis back in October of 2021, Kipnis remained



unresponsive.

KDV Group itself was founded by Siberian CEO Denis Shtengelov, who reportedly had humble beginnings, selling roasted sunflower seeds or “semechki” shortly after the fall of the iron curtain in 1997.

Shtengelov took advantage of the country’s falling value of the ruble and bought a large share of chocolate from the earnings he received from selling sunflower oil to food distributors.

Nowadays, KDV Group is ranked

as the second-highest selling snack and confectionery retailer in the world with over 20 different companies from around the world.

Shtengelov and his family currently reside within the Gold Coast of Australia, where multiple Russian billionaires have called home. KDV recently built a tennis and golf academy at Carrara, an area on the Gold Coast.

In March of 2022, it was reported that Shtengelov denounced the war in Ukraine, calling it a mistake.

A Love for Nutcrackers Bonds Generations

Given her passion for the bearded fellows, the 97-year-old Arlene Wagner once again made the long flight. This time she did not arrive alone to the Erzgebirge area.

By Karl-Heinz Schlegel (German translation by Barbara Washburn)

NEUHAUSEN – By Saturday evening, it was obvious how excited Uwe Löschner had become. He is the head of the Nutcracker Museum in Neuhausen. He was awaiting his now 97-year-old friend Arlene Wagner, who is the curator of the Nutcracker Museum in Leavenworth, which is in the US, State of Washington.

Thirty years ago, the two met for the first time at a toy convention in Nürnberg, Germany, and since then they have been very good friends. That first gathering had led to a close relationship with the entire Löschner Family.

Almost annually, and despite her advanced age, the very fit lady makes the trip to the Erzgebirge to take a look around. Among other things she also visits

craftsmen in the city of Seiffen. The articles of the Erzgebirge have always had a special meaning for her

Arlene Wagner founded a nutcracker museum in 1995 in the small town of Leavenworth, a museum which was later endorsed into a non-profit foundation. She explains that the village, with its approximate 2000 inhabitants, had evolved into a Bavarian theme and attracts very many tourists.

“Exactly 9103 of the bearded nutcracker fellows are at home in our collection, and now we have been entered into the Guinness-Book of records,” the 97-year-old explains.

“Around 34,000 yearly visitors come to see our displays, including travelers from as far away as New Zealand and Japan.” Arlene has written a total of 8 books about Nutcrackers. Uwe Löschner displays

two large photo books in his museum in Neuhausen.

This time the 47-year-old Michelle McMullen arrived to the Erzgebirge with Arlene Wagner. This is her first trip to Germany. Arlene Wagner introduced her as her assistant. “She will one day become my successor. I am sure she will do wonderful work,” the 97-year-old former dance instructor explains.

Amongst her relatives and friends McMullen is already known as the ‘Nutcracker Lady II’. Now she wanted to get her own first impression at the cradle of the bearded fellows. “I am mesmerized by the workshops here at the Erzgebirge.

For example, it was incredible to see how the Fuchtnet Company produced the nutcrackers, or how the little Spanbäumchen (Woodchip trees) are created,” explains the 47-year-old, who stepped

into Arlene Wagner’s footsteps two years ago. She wants to come back very soon, and after all her “boss” needs to be with her again, said McMullen.

Arlene Wagner explained that she would like to live to the ripe age of 102 years, as her brother had. And how will she do it? No alcohol all her life, no elevators, lots of walking and following a healthy diet, the 97-year-old recommends.

As always, on her trip home her luggage held a lot of nutcrackers; and the same went for the bags of her travel companion.

Rumor has it, that McMullen’s children and grandchildren are also known to be infected with the “Nutcracker Virus”.

The Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum is located at 735 Front Street, Leavenworth, WA. Or you can find them online at www.nutcrackermuseum.com



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From left Michelle McMullen, Arlene Wagner, (The Nutcracker Lady), and Uwe Löschner owner of Nussknacker Museum in Neuhausen, Germany.



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- Standard Pallet Co. – 8 years
- Weyerhaeuser – 7 years

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BNCW Chairman's Corner

Are you engaged with BNCW? Quite often I will hear that a member is not renewing their membership because “they’re not getting anything out of it”. This occurred most recently with an excavation contractor, who’s quote I stole for this article. As BNCW was in the process of helping to defeat a grading ordinance that Chelan County Commissioners were considering passing, that member excavation contractor was benefitting from his membership without even knowing. The ordinance if passed, would have created additional engineering, permitting processes, time, inspections, and fees. This was a huge victory “for all” including private landowners, who would have also been affected by the ordinance.

So again, I’ll ask, are you engaged? There are plenty of opportunities for our members to become engaged if they choose so. If you would like to be more engaged with the organization as a current member or by becoming a new member, we are always looking for ways to broaden our service to our membership. Our staff can only do so much with the day-to-day operations of membership and events. That’s where being engaged as a member can help. We love committees here at BNCW and it gives everyone an opportunity to be engaged. Is there an issue in your industry that is an overreach by regulators that may need to be brought to the attention of the public? Give BNCW a heads up and let’s see if we can help with a possible solution. We may not directly be able to help but may have or know of resources that can help. Collectively as an organization this only works if we’re engaged. I’m confident there is currently a member who has a need and another current member who has the solution but neither one is engaged and can’t be of service to each other.

Stay tuned and watch for our upcoming annual membership appreciation Barbeque, where I’ll be paying one lucky member to be engaged. I will personally give away a \$100.00 dollar bill to “one lucky current member” at the event in a random drawing, so bring your business cards. This event is open to all members and their families. The drawing is for the member business owner only.

Last but not least, a shout out to Zane Bock at Country Financial, who again is this year’s sponsor of the event. Thank you Zane!

WELCOME NEW BNCW MEMBERS!

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Mike Whitford
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For more information about becoming a BNCW member, please contact Membership/Events Coordinator, Danielle Martin at (509) 293-5840. We look forward to sharing with you the benefits of membership!

Building North Central Washington is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to promoting and protecting the North Central Washington building industry for the preservation and growth of the local economy, small business and quality of life.

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What’s New From Our CEO

BNCW Members,

I am very excited to announce three new BNCW items this month. The Membership Recruitment Program, BNCW Fall Golf Classic, and the unveiling of our New Website.

The highly anticipated Membership Recruitment Program. The plan is very simple, Recruit Three Members in a year earns FREE BNCW MEMBERSHIP, Recruit Six Members in a year earns a half page advertising! The “year” starts when you recruit your first member. Also, the BNCW Member that wins in a calendar year will earn a free booth, 50% off additional booths and free advertising in the 2023 Home Show and Tour Programs.



Lawrence “Lee” Shepherd
CEO, BNCW

“It’s all for nothing if you don’t have Freedom.”
— William Wallace

Some opportunities only come around once in a generation. The BNCW Fall Golf Classic is indeed one of those generational opportunities. The tournament will be held at Three Lakes Golf Course on the 7th of October 2022.

If you are interested in promoting your business through a Presenting or Associate Sponsorship contact Danielle or me for details 509-293-5840.

Our goal for creating a new BNCW website was to provide the best experience for our members, partners and those looking for business solutions.

It has been in the works for a couple of months now and thanks to the hard work of the BNCW Staff, a board member and our newest BNCW member/ web designer - Inbound Wenatchee - Wenatchee Web Design & SEO, we hope to have the new webpage fully operational by the end of July.

Don’t forget to add the BNCW Fall Golf Classic to your calendars and Membership Recruitment Program to your priority list.

Thank you for your time.
Lawrence “Lee” Shepherd
CEO, BNCW



May’s NBN Event a Hit!



Precision Waterjet hosted our May BNCW Nothing But Networking Event! Over 60 people attended and networked and strolled their showroom and watched some demonstrations of their waterjet cutting machine while enjoying delicious food catered by Badger Mountain Brewing! In addition, attendees were treated to a wonderful give-away/door prize of a bathroom vanity countertop of their choice that Precision Waterjet awarded to 1 lucky winner that evening!

Many thanks to all of the hard work from Troy and Joe and their staff at Precision Waterjet for making the evening such a success!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the July BNCW NBN hosted by Draggoo Financial Group in Wenatchee on Tuesday July 19th from 5:00 to 7:00pm!





BNCW
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Express
EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

Respecting People. Impacting Business.™

Express Employment Professionals is an International, privately owned company with franchised offices across the United States, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand.

The Wenatchee office has been owned and operated within our community for close to 40 years.

JD Smith, Inc. has owned and operated the Wenatchee Express Employment Professional office for the past 8 ½ years. Jay and Debbie Smith are the owners of JD Smith, Inc. They make their home in Wenatchee and are fully in-vested within our community. Being a franchised office gives us local decision power as well as valuable help and support.

Express Employment Pro-

fessionals is a Workforce Management and Recruitment Company. We offer Permanent Placement, Contract Staffing as well as Seasonal / Temporary Staffing.

We have a fulltime staff dedicated to recruit, placement of employees and management of our Workforce. We provide workers ranging from General Labor to Skilled Crafts to Administrative, all the way to C Suite positions. We specialize in recruiting and hiring, utilizing a proven process. The Process has been ISO 9001 Certification that we maintain.

Top 5 Things to Know About Us:

1. We are always recruiting/maintaining a huge database, that grows.

2. We tailor solutions to clients needs (employing companies).

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4. We offer permanent placements and seasonal/temporary (depending on need).

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Questions? Please call the office at 509-662-5187

email: wenatcheeewa@expresspros.com,

website: www.ExpressPros.com/wenatcheeewa

Express Employment Professionals is located at 411 N. Chelan Ave., Ste. B., Wenatchee WA 98801

Nothing But Networking Your Host for the Evening:



TUESDAY JULY 19TH
5PM - 7PM

1301 Walla Walla Ave. Ste. A in Wenatchee



The Prairie Girls

**JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING
OF NETWORKING &
FUN!
AS ALWAYS THIS
EVENT IS FREE!**

**ENJOY FOOD FROM BLUE SKIES FOOD SHACK
CORNHOLE COMPETITION WITH PRIZES**

Call 509-293-5840 or email danielle@buildingncw.org

or kfenner@buildingncw.org

We look forward to seeing you there!





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BNCW’s 26th Annual Golf Classic was a Blast!

Our 26th Annual Tournament was held at the beautiful Highlander Golf Club. It was a blast! Our amazing presenting sponsors, **Central Washington Concrete** and **Wenatchee Sand and Gravel** helped to put on a day that was enjoyed by all!

Overall, the weather was beautiful, and our players, sponsors and volunteers all enjoyed excellent camaraderie, great golf, good food, drink, games and events throughout the entire time of play!

Almost every single hole had a sponsor with an activity or giveaway.

The fun and sun filled day was wrapped up in the club house with a delicious pulled pork bar, sponsored by **Riverway Contractors Inc.** and raffle prizes and awards galore. Congratulations to all the winners!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our MANY sponsors of this year’s tournament! Their support is crucial and without it, we would not have this incredible event that is enjoyed by all year-after-year!

This year Aaron Jones of Jones Concrete landed a hole in one on the North Meridian Title & Escrow sponsored hole that coincidentally, Aaron’s wife Suzanne Jones, works for. Congratulations Aaron!



Aaron is second from the left!



Once again, our event planning committee – worked tirelessly over the last several months to ensure that this year’s tournament was the most enjoyable one yet – and that it certainly was!

It truly would be impossible to produce this event at the level that our players have come to expect without the dedication of member leaders and all the other volunteers we’re blessed to have join in. Thank you!

THANK YOU to the Highlander Golf Course for being such great hosts!

2022 TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

Central Washington Concrete - Presenting Sponsor



Riverway Contractors Inc. - Dinner Sponsor



Wenatchee Sand & Gravel - Presenting Sponsor



1st AND 2ND Place TOURNAMENT WINNERS:
1st Place Team – E.D.Y. Construction Corp.



2nd Place Team – Cashmere Valley Mortgage



2022 COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS:

- Russ Foresman – IWI
- Julio Ocompo - IWI
- Justin Wood – Asbestos Central LLC
- Matt Hitchcock, Gatens Green &

Weidenbach PLLC

- Hannah Kniery, Banner Bank
- Sherrie Harlow, The Wenatchee World
- Mitch Trochman, Moonlight Stone Works
- Cathy Rixey, Guild Mortgage
- Cece Allen

Best Dressed Team – Sangster Motors



Don’t forget to mark your calendars for our First Annual Fall Golf Classic to be held at Three Lakes Golf course in Malaga on October 7th!

Voting in the Primary Election is Crucial!

The upcoming 2022 primary election is an extremely important one locally! There are a number of critical races where there are several candidates vying for the same position, with only the top two candidates moving forward to the General Election.

BNCW members, please be certain to complete your due diligence by taking a little bit of time to learn more about each of the candidates.

We strongly encourage our members to log into VoteWA by using the web address link to learn more about the local candidates (just click on the candidate name and it will bring up information on them), as well as asking that your friends, family and others within your circles do the same! The web address is: www.voter.votewa.gov/candidatelist.aspx?e=876&c=04.

Remember, the Primary Election is Tuesday, August 2. Ballots should be in mailboxes a few weeks prior!



2022 Primary Election

The **Washington Small Business Council** (WSBC) serves as **Building North Central Washington’s** Political Action Committee (PAC). As such, one of the WSBC’s more important purposes is to evaluate and understand the philosophies and records of elected office holders and candidates for such offices, for the purposes of advancing endorsements of those candidates and initiatives believed to best promote the beliefs, ideals and interests of not only the building industry, but small business in general—including a commitment to the free enterprise system; the protection of private property rights and a strong belief in government regulatory accountability.

The WSBC / BNCW Endorsed Candidates for the 2022 Primary Election are:

12th District State Representative Position 2

Mike Steele

Chelan Co. Commissioner, Dist. #2

Shon Smith

Chelan Co. District Court Judge, Position 1

Allen Blackmon

Chelan Co. PUD Commissioner, Position 3

Carnan Bergren

Douglas Co. PUD Commissioner, District 3

Randy Agnew

Chelan County Sheriff

Brian Burnett

Douglas Co. Commissioner, Position 3

Marc Straub

Sponsored by: WSBC, P.O. Box 3556, Wenatchee, WA 98807

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE by:

Dan Beardslee, BNCW’s Government Affairs Director

PERMITTING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT - TWO SEPARATE PROCESSES

Applicants for land-use permits in Chelan County continue to have problems with permitting processes being weaponized as code enforcement tools.

It works like this:

When an applicant applies for some land-use permit (e.g., land division, short term rental, conditional use), the staff at Chelan County Community development has been telling applicants when they apply for their permit, the staff will undertake a “property review” to see if there is any use or structure on the property that they deem to

be out of compliance with current codes. If they find



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anything, they will not issue the permit, deeming whatever they find as a “violation.” They are effectively using the permit process as a search warrant.

While the County code does have a provision (Chelan County code 16.14.020) that says they may deny a permit if there is an ongoing violation, it does not give staff the authority to deny a permit based on an alleged violation. The code enforcement code provides a process for determining if, in fact, there is a violation. Like any breach of a code or law, the burden of proof is on the agency (in this case, Community Development) to prove there is a violation, and the alleged perpetrator

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Raise money for local STEM Scholarships

Join us at the beautiful Highlander Golf Course

Submitted by Tech Alliance

You are invited to join NCW Tech Alliance for the social event of the summer. This event raises money for STEM Scholarships that will be awarded on September 21st during the Annual Innovator Awards Luncheon. There are several ways to participate in the Summer Scholarship Fundraiser. Enjoy our golf tournament. All golf entry fees and sponsorships include dinner tickets for golfers in the evening. Purchase a ticket to attend dinner only. Sponsor the event, a golf hole, donate to the silent auction or simply contribute to the scholarship fund.

Event agenda:

- 11:00 AM Golf Check-in Opens

- 12:30 PM Golf Tournament Begins
- 4:30 PM Dinner Registration Opens
- 5:00 PM Live Music + Yard Games
- 5:15 PM Buffet Dinner Opens
- 6:15 - 6:30 PM Announcements
- 7:00 PM Silent Auction Closes
- 8:00 PM Event Concludes

This is a fundraiser you don't have to dress up for. Our indoor/outdoor venue provides a great opportunity to enjoy the warm August air, so wear your summer attire. \$10 from each ticket sold at the Summer Scholarship Fundraiser goes directly into the STEM Scholarship Fund. Event date is August 4 at Highlander Golf Course. Golf Tournament: 12:30 p.m., Dinner and Social, 5 p.m.



Innovator Award Nominations Open

Submitted by Tech Alliance

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Innovator Awards for the following award categories:

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

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. All nomination forms are available in both English and Spanish. Any resident, student, or

business in Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Ferry, and Okanogan counties is eligible to be nominated for an Innovator Award. Last year, winners in the STEM education categories were awarded over \$8,500 in scholarships, and we are excited to keep that momentum going. Everyone knows a student, educator, or business who has thrived or made changes during the last year - submit a nomination today so we can honor and recognize those stories. If you know of someone who has made incredible strides, but you don't have all the information on them, that's okay - you can still nominate them by filling in what you know, and we will collect the rest from the

nominee! Since 2000, NCW Tech Alliance has recognized over 100 local innovators through the Annual Innovator Awards Luncheon, celebrating the drive, passion, and spirit of innovators in North Central Washington while inspiring those just starting their journey. Awards in five different categories will be presented during the Innovator Awards luncheon on September 21, 2022. All nominations come from community members and winners are selected by an independent selection committee. Nominate an innovator in your community today. September 21, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Wenatchee Convention Center.

MARKETING 101

Event marketing

By Jennifer Bushong

It is festival, fair, and outdoor event season! In this post-Covid era, in-person events or a hybrid of activities are back in full swing. Event marketing is an excellent way to bring people together and brand your business. Event marketing is a promotional strategy that involves contact between brands and customers. As someone who spent nearly 10 years working for a regional venue, I've helped promote multiple rock star concerts, theatrical shows and intimate conferences. Each event is different and should be marketed differently according to the audience, venue, content, and location. Aligning your business with an event can help show your customers you care about the community as well as show goodwill. Event marketing can be a key strategic element to your business plan. "95% of marketers believe in-person events have a significant impact on achieving primary business goals." (Bizzabo, 2019) The valuable in-person connection helps breed a new form of opinion about the product or service. After an event, attendees have a more positive opinion about the company, brand, product, or service being promoted. Event marketing can help raise business morale as consumers can better understand the benefits of your product after they touch, taste, smell and experience it. If you are looking to increase your brand by event marketing or aligning with a community festival event, consider these helpful tips:

Own the event

The more your name is associated with the key partnership, the more your business will get mentions, views, and media attention. Look for large partnerships or tailored events that will speak to your business and what your products or services represent. Inform the media to gain new influencers or supporters to your business. The partnership may open new target markets. Review the promotional tactics carefully to ensure your business receives all the elements such as naming partner, digital mentions, signage, fliers or print ads. These are key marketing materials that can add tremendous value to your marketing plan. Showcase your product or service Ask the event organizer if you can deliver your product to the conference attendee or be a part of the event. Get your brand in front of as many people

as possible. The more opportunity for diverse consumers to experience your brand, the better. The consistent marketing at the conference, trade show, fair or festival, will spark word-of-mouth and pay dividends in the future.

At the event

Ask fans to take a photo or video of themselves with your product in hand. Ask for tags, reviews, or feedback online. Use "live" online features to tell your audience that you are at the event and invite them to attend. Make sure your entire team is saying the same message about your company and product - more interaction will spark more attention online and off. If you are an event organizer Make sure to keep the sponsors abreast to any changes or new outreach opportunities. Share marketing assets before final publications. Add to your marketing elements with an extra men-



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tion, social media ad, or press release. Be transparent with information and responsive to questions. Businesses have put faith that your event is worthy of their hard-earned dollars. Show them why they want to continue to partner with your organization. If you under promise and over deliver, chances are you will gain a forever partner! Events are a way to look your customers face-to-face to tell them you care about their potential business and value their patronage. Typically, consumers are in a festive mood to be entertained at the event. Leaving consumers feeling good about your brand is the ultimate satisfaction!

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REAL ESTATE

TOP PROPERTIES – May 2022

Buyer	Seller	Sale Price	Street			City	Legal acreage	Living area	Year Built	Bed-rooms	Bath-rooms	Pool	Fire-place
SCHROPP JACK & NANCY	AGOSTINO TOM & DONNA	\$3,550,000	289	CRYSTAL	DR	CHELAN	0.9200	3733	2011	4	3	Y	N
CHELAN VILLAGE LP	NAUMES INC	\$2,000,000	42	ISENHART	RD	CHELAN	111.1200	1740	1972	3	1	N	N
WAVE DIVISION NETWORKS LLC	HENRY MICHAEL E & REBECCA W	\$1,900,000	9640	HILL	ST	LEAVENWORTH	1.2600	3333	1991	5	3.5	N	Y
SKODA PATRICIA L	FOX VENTURES LLC	\$1,800,000	140	N SHORE	DR	CHELAN	0.1600	2244	2015	3	4	N	N
WAPATO REAL PROPERTY LLC	WOODS INVESTMENT COMPANY LLC	\$1,700,000	34	N MISSION	ST	WENATCHEE	0.1400	0	0			N	N
RAWLINGS CHAD D & KATHRYN D	SWANSON DALE G	\$1,700,000	545	DEMPSEY	RD	LEAVENWORTH	5.0000	2496	2000	4	3	N	N
STOTT DON B & HIRSCH JEFFREY V	BISHOP JEFFREY & RHONDA	\$1,500,000	218	SUNNYSLOPE HEIGHTS	RD	WENATCHEE	2.6600	4341	1966	4	3	Y	Y
HOYT ALEXANDER A ETAL	BHATIA BRIJESH & TOBIN TAYLOR BHATIA	\$1,450,000	60	WALL	ST	MANSON	0.3900	3252	2006	4	3.5	Y	Y
HARVILL CHRISTOPHER & SHANNON	SCHENDEL MICHAEL	\$1,420,000	103	AMERICAN WAY	LN	MANSON	0.9900	3986	2007	1	3.25	N	N
CAIN DONALD M JR & SUSAN C	DE VRIES ERIC & JENNIFER	\$1,408,000	2580	TUSCANY	LN	MALAGA	0.5500	3107	2009	4	4.5	Y	Y
MIDTOWN VENTURES II LLC	RED FEATHER HOLDINGS LLC	\$1,175,000	6	1ST	ST	WENATCHEE	0.1400	12000	0			N	N
NINTH ST LLC	MEHELICH DAVID H	\$1,150,000	903	N WENATCHEE	AVE	WENATCHEE	1.1600	8505	0			N	N
KELLOGG DANIEL A & AUDREY	TIMBERWOOD HOMES LLC	\$1,099,990	295	BURCH HOLLOW	LN	WENATCHEE	0.6100	0	0			N	N
KAROL CHARLES B & TREADWELL KAROL JENNIFER L	KUYK CHARLES F G JR	\$1,075,000	10495	FOX	RD	LEAVENWORTH	1.0800	2328	1993	3	2.5	N	Y
MC BREEN SEAN P & SUSANNAH M	DETRICH MICHAEL L	\$990,666	724	BACHELOR	LN	MANSON	20.9000	1723	2012			N	Y
HOLLIDAY RONALD J JR & MIA L	MATHEWS WENDELL D	\$985,000	5397	HUGHES	RD	CASHMERE	3.2100	3060	1916	4	2	N	Y
VAUGHN TANNER & CINZIA	HENDRICKS MICHAEL S & CYNTHIA M	\$925,000	220	WHITMAN ST		LEAVENWORTH	0.1400	0	0			N	N
GERHARDT SHERRI & STEVEN ETAL	ROZANNO ROBERT & LESLIE A	\$920,000	119	SAN REMO	LN	CHELAN	0.1700	1344	2007	4	3	N	N
FRIEDRICH DENNIS & DONNA	PASCHALL JOE L	\$900,000	4266	JIM SMITH	RD	WENATCHEE	2.9600	2448	2016	2	2	N	N
LEDER ANTHONY R	REALTRUST IRA ALTERNATIVES LLC	\$890,000	322	W WOODIN	AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	1380	0			N	N
BETCHER NICKOLAS J ETAL	CARLISLE MATTHEW & HURD STACEY C	\$880,000	16975	RIVER	RD	PLAIN	7.2500	1196	1992	2	1	N	Y
BRISCOE KARINA	SANTOS JOSHUA & CYNTHIA MARKS	\$865,000	550	GREEN	AVE	MANSON	0.2500	1600	1969	4	2	N	Y
CARNEY CRAIG R & DAVIS AUBREY A	HART BRIAN T	\$850,000	16626	FIR	RD	LAKE WENATCHEE	2.2900	1595	1976	3	1.5	N	N
HENNEGHAN PATRICK D & FOSTER LISA K	CROMWELL ELLA MAE	\$839,000	353	HINTHORNE	LN	LEAVENWORTH	13.4900	3172	1979	1	2	N	Y
BURWELL WILLIAM M & WENDI L	WAPITI NORTH LLC	\$800,000	122	LOST SPOKE	LN	WENATCHEE	0.4100	2044	2021	3	3	N	N
ZIELASKO LYNN M	VAN HOVEN TERRY L & CARRIE A	\$799,000	1365	PITCHER CANYON	RD	WENATCHEE	12.1200	2076	2012	3	2	N	N
DALGAS GEOFFREY C & JENNIFER L	REYES RHONDA M	\$795,000	317	E RAYMOND	ST	CHELAN	0.3300	1125	1964	3	3	N	Y
RUIZ MIGUEL & CHELSEA K	GARLAND JUDITH	\$790,000	73	TANAGER	LN	CASHMERE	0.4600	2856	2018	4	2.5	N	Y
HENKE ADAM & KATLEN	COOPER RANDY W LIVING TRUST	\$789,000	318	BRINLEY	LN	WENATCHEE	0.3100	2349	2016	3	2	N	Y
SHAO YINING	BRYAN JAY & HEIDI	\$775,000	21731	PALOMINO	RD	PLAIN	0.2900	1248	2007	2	1.75	N	Y
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TALATI SHARVIL & YODEN SARAH SKYE	MUELLER MICHAEL	\$751,000	3903	CAMAS CREEK	RD	PESHASTIN	2.7400	1120	1993	3	2	N	Y
DAHLSTROM NOAH P & LINDSEY M	LAFER KATHLEEN N	\$750,000	4265	US HWY 97		PESHASTIN	5.7300	2058	1986	3	2.5	N	Y
CATALANO CAROLINE & THOMAS M	DICKEY ANDREW A & JESSICA L	\$749,900	3112	FIRCREST	PL	WENATCHEE	0.4300	2078	2016	3	2	N	N
JAEGER JARED S & MEGAN L	WILSON RYAN B & JULIE A	\$739,500	981	SPRING MOUNTAIN	DR	WENATCHEE	0.1900	2189	2019	4	2	N	Y
NIKITIN PAVEL V & EROSHEVA ELENA A	KAehler WOLFGANG & MICHELLE ALTEN-KAEHLER	\$725,000	19541	NASON	RD	LAKE WENATCHEE	0.2500	832	2000	2	2	N	Y
FARMER BRIANA C & DAVID M	COUCH RICHARD G & JENNY M	\$725,000	303	KRAY IKE	CT	WENATCHEE	0.5300	2394	2006	3	3.5	N	N
WARMACK MATTHEW SCOTT	ODORIZZI ROGER A	\$720,000	195	IVAN MORSE	RD	MANSON	6.6500	1920	2004			N	N
AGIDIUS KAYDEN & LYDIA	RUIZ MIGUEL & CHELSEA K	\$700,000	269	LILLY	LN	WENATCHEE	0.3500	2518	2009	3	3	N	N
MARTIN COLIN & JENNIFER	SCHNEIDER JOHN A & JULIE A	\$700,000	11370	RIVER BEND	DR	LEAVENWORTH	0.2500	0	0			N	N
MECHAM DAWN R	ROBERTS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$699,900	990	RACINE SPRINGS	DR	WENATCHEE	0.1700	0	0			N	N
FARRAR TYLER & WADE STEPHANIE	MISSLER WILLIAM & TERRI	\$695,000		BURCH MOUNTAIN	RD	WENATCHEE	20.0100	0	0			N	N
ROSENBERG AARON E & TURNER ELISA E	HIGHTOWER L K	\$690,000	4747	JOE MILLER	RD	MALAGA	1.8200	1248	1986	3	2.5	N	N
STONAS W A & JACQUELINE M	LSPI EXCHANGE CORP	\$679,457	310	PEAR	LN	WENATCHEE	0.3900	0	0			N	N
REYNOLDS KARIN	ROBERTS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$674,900	1002	RACINE SPRINGS	DR	WENATCHEE	0.1700	0	0			N	N
FOSTER ZACHARY J & NICOLE C	BAHR KRISTI N & GALLENTINE KRISTA D	\$670,000	281	LILLY	LN	WENATCHEE	0.2900	2068	2012	3	2	N	Y
GAUDI MADAN L & VIPIN	EPPERS MICHAEL SEAN	\$670,000	900	MAIN	ST	LEAVENWORTH	0.0000	1029	0			N	N
AGUAYO ERICK A & LEDEZMA MARIA A	BURGETT ROBERT R & BRENDA J	\$650,000	301	CANYON	PL	WENATCHEE	0.3100	1762	1993	3	2	N	Y
HICKS FAYE A & CHRIS ETAL	HOLLIDAY RONALD JR & MIA	\$650,000	110	CHASE	AVE	CASHMERE	0.2100	1374	1930	3	1.75	N	Y
DELASKI DAPHNE	STEVENS SHERRY LYNN	\$649,000	342	WILD ROSE	LN	LEAVENWORTH	20.0300	928	1921	2	1	N	N
TRUITT CANDICE R ETAL	NEAL MARK J	\$644,000	1907	5TH	ST	WENATCHEE	0.3900	1990	1957	5	3.5	N	Y
MACKAY CHRISTOPHER J & SARAH E	BURWELL WILLIAM M & WENDI L	\$640,000	1526	SONGBIRD	LN	WENATCHEE	0.2800	1987	1999	4	2.5	N	N

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BREYSSE MATTHEW J & SHEILA M	BREYSEE MATTHEW J ETAL	\$625,000	15227	N	LAKESHORE DR	ENTIAT	0.7200	2562	2002	4	3.5	N	Y
GAST AUSTIN D & KRISTI S	RIX CHARLES L SR	\$620,000	1621		ORCHARD AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2800	2100	1972	4	1.75	N	Y
DAVIS ERICKA L & CARLSON DREW A	NORTHWEST BUILDING CONTRACTORS LLC	\$620,000	1002		CREST LOOP	ENTIAT	0.2000	2126	2021	4	2.5	N	Y
CROWDER BRENT A & SAMANTHA	TAYLOR GARY M	\$605,000	1719		WINDSOR CT	WENATCHEE	0.2300	1645	1999	3	2.5	N	Y
EN INVESTMENTS LLC	SMITH RANDALL L	\$600,000	109	S	DOUGLAS ST	CASHMERE	0.1800	686	1940	1	1	N	N
HEBERT MARK & SUSAN	FLETCHER BILL	\$600,000	522		SHERBOURNE ST	LEAVENWORTH	0.2400	1352	1956	3	1.5	N	Y
ELLIOTT DAVID R & JANICE K	TAYLOR CANDICE	\$600,000	457		WHISPER PL	CHELAN	0.2000	2061	2015	3	2.5	N	Y
SKETCHLEY ERIK K & MARIE C	GODDARD LINDSEY K & NATHANIEL R	\$596,000	542		SADDLE ROCK LOOP	WENATCHEE	0.1800	1400	2008	3	2.5	N	Y
PBG PROPERTIES LLC	LYNCH BARI R & MICHAEL J	\$595,000	440		SPRING VIEW PL	CHELAN	0.1700	1638	2018	3	2	N	N
QUINTANA STEPHANIE & RIORDAN PAUL	RIORDAN CHRISTOPHER M	\$585,000	17676	N	SHORE DR	LAKE WENATCHEE	0.4200	1326	1997			N	Y
SMITH BRAD G & SARA N	BROWN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	\$579,900	1517		ERNIE CT	WENATCHEE	0.2400	1808	2006	3	2	N	N
DECKER ANNA L & BRIAN D	NEWBY CORDELL R	\$567,500	1625	N	WESTERN AVE	WENATCHEE	0.5500	1583	1978	4	3	N	N
LARSON NICHOLAS A & MAY RACHEL K	HUDSON TODD & TANA	\$552,500	2063		LASSO DR	WENATCHEE	0.2100	1610	2010			N	Y
JAMESON JOSHUA D	HANSON TERESA	\$550,000	9151		ICICLE RD	LEAVENWORTH	0.0000	1450	0			N	N
THE PEOPLES FOUNDATION	LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES	\$550,000	810	S	WENATCHEE AVE	WENATCHEE	0.1400	6000	1924			N	N
DEEP WATER PROPERTIES LLC	EAST WOODIN AVENUE LLC	\$540,000	519	E	WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.1000	966	1928	2	1	N	N
RICKARD DAVID P A & ERICA J	BAZE ANDREW	\$535,000	9720		NAHAHUM CANYON RD	CASHMERE	60.0000	792	1988			N	Y
BATUREVYCH OLEKSANDR & LARISA	EASTERN WA CONSTRUCTION INC	\$532,851	48		WELLS AVE	MANSON	0.1600	0	0			N	N
PINKERTON JUSTIN & SARVER DANIELLE L	MARTIN WILLIAM G & DANIELLE N	\$530,000	916		RED APPLE RD	WENATCHEE	0.3900	1840	1924	4	2	Y	Y
ANDERSON NICHOLAS & NICOLE	RATTAZZI FLAVIO	\$525,500	233		PARKWAY DR	MANSON	0.0800	1535	2005			N	Y
MORGAN ABRAHAM B & CARRIE	SEIDL BRIGHAM C	\$520,000	420		SHADY LN	WENATCHEE	0.3300	1250	1968	4	2.5	N	Y
HERNDON LAURNA M	DIAZ WILLIAM A & DEJESUS KATIE E	\$512,000	447	S	WILSON ST	WENATCHEE	0.1900	936	1949	4	2	N	Y
FLETCHER BILL L	HANEY GLEN	\$510,000	1007		GRENZ ST	WENATCHEE	0.2500	1876	1976	3	1.75	Y	Y
LIETZ TERRY I	LIETZ VERNE L & HELEN M	\$510,000	8305		LYNN ST	PESHASTIN	0.7400	2148	1958	4	2.5	N	Y
SPADONI EVAN M & HARRIS TARYN D	PETERS REBECCA S	\$502,000	456		LOWE ST	WENATCHEE	0.3100	1612	1980	3	2	N	Y
THOMAS GAYLE & WILLIAMS MICHAEL J	COLLINS DONALD D	\$501,000	117	E	NIXON AVE	CHELAN	0.2400	1501	1905	3	2	N	N
GUERRA GILBERTO & CARRILLO MARIA E	MORGAN DAVID	\$500,000	1360		UTAH CT	WENATCHEE	0.2400	1720	1990	3	2	N	Y
GREWAL PROPERTIES LLC	PRAVITZ WAYNE & JEFFERSON PATRICIA	\$500,000	110		ICICLE RD	LEAVENWORTH	0.0000	1064	0			N	N
OAK HARVEST LLC	JERRY D JEFFRIS TRUST	\$500,000	91		ACORN LN	PESHASTIN	8.5400	792	1954	1	1	N	N
SNS PROPERTIES LLC	MILLER MICHAEL D	\$500,000	453		STAYMAN FLATS RD	CHELAN	7.0900	0	0			N	N
TEC HOLDINGS 125 LLC	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$495,000	1301		DRAGONFLY CT	CHELAN	0.1000	0	0			N	N
ENGLISH KRISTINA	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$479,000	1384		BIGHORN WAY	CHELAN	0.1100	0	0			N	N
FLATEN ERIC M & GRAHAM SHERRIE G	SAGE HOMES LLC	\$470,000	42		EMMA DR	WENATCHEE	0.1400	1894	2021	3	2	N	Y
MCDANIEL BRIAN & DEBRA	NOLLMMEYER SHIRLEY F	\$460,000	316	S	WESTERN AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2400	1694	1959	3	2	N	Y
COLLIER MEGAN & DANE	MADRIGAL MENDOZA CARLOS & CARDENAS NUNEZ MARIA	\$460,000	1310		MONITOR AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2000	1876	1955	3	2	N	Y
BRADY LARRY J & BARBARA A	OGLE ANNALEE L ETAL	\$456,000	1128		AMHERST AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2100	1181	1954	3	2	N	N
FROESE DANIKA J & CALEN JOHN R	SUMMERS MEADOW ROMNEY	\$455,000	521		YAKIMA ST	WENATCHEE	0.1400	1084	1924	2	1	N	Y
SPIEGEL AMANDA K	MULVIHILL RACHEL N	\$450,000	22108		APPALOOSA LN	PLAIN	0.3000	1000	1990	2	1	N	N
DIJULIO CHRIS JR	MADEA GUY & ELAINE TRUST	\$450,000	1902	W	PROSPECT ST	CHELAN	1.0600	1205	1967			N	N
JOHNSON SCOTT & MONIQUE	PEART BROOKE	\$449,000	402		MARILYN AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2100	1422	1967	3	2	N	Y
BOLLING JANINE E	BURNS CAROL L	\$446,000	225		HENRY GRAY ST	MANSON	0.2600	1452	1979			N	N
DELGADILLO HILDA E	SPENCE JAMES & MARGARET TRUSTEES	\$445,000	1934		HIDEAWAY PL	WENATCHEE	0.1900	1228	1996	3	2	N	Y
DE MESTRE DARYL R & YVONNE P	SAGE HOMES LLC	\$440,900	55		EMMA DR	WENATCHEE	0.1400	0	0			N	N
NELSON JOHN & WANDA	BEAN WHITNEY & SAXON	\$440,000	14383		CHUMSTICK HWY	LEAVENWORTH	2.0700	1232	1987			N	N
KALAHAR PEGGY L	DEWEY SHELLEY A	\$430,000	1310		CASTLEROCK AVE	WENATCHEE	0.0000	1240	0			N	N
QUIGLEY JAMES	AGIDIUS KAYDEN & LYDIA	\$428,000	264		SADDLEHORN LN	WENATCHEE	0.0400	1466	2015	3	2.5	N	N
CARULLI LINDA M	KALAHAR PEGGY L	\$427,000	1750		CENTRAL AVE	WENATCHEE	0.0000	1574	0			N	N
PORTER LAURIE S & GARDINER V	MARICLE SUSAN & DAVID	\$425,000	2513		KINNIKINNICK DR	LAKE WENATCHEE	0.5000	0	0			N	N
SCHENK HEATHER & TRAVIS	ARCHIBALD PHILIP R	\$425,000	13533		ENTIAT RIVER RD	ENTIAT	1.8800	1704	1912	2	1	N	N
HIGGINS JACQUELIN L & JOHN M	MILLER WILLIAM C & TARA M	\$425,000	350		HIGHPOINT LN	CHELAN	3.3000	0	0			N	N
LAKESHORE LEGEND LLP	CARTER TED R & SANDRA	\$425,000	706	E	JOHNSON AVE	CHELAN	0.2400	952	1947	2	2	N	N
KELLEY JOEL N & KIEHN KELLEY TONYA M	KIEHN JAMES N & MARY J	\$425,000	1118		GLENWOOD AVE	WENATCHEE	0.1800	1548	1963	3	2.5	N	Y
PACIFIC DEVELOPERS INC	JONES ROBERT F & BEVERLY J	\$425,000	1740		OKANOGAN AVE	WENATCHEE	0.8500	1840	1952	4	2	N	Y
POLAK ROBIN V	WILLIAMS BRANDON A	\$425,000	2993		MALAGA ALCOA HWY	MALAGA	1.1800	929	1982	2	1.75	N	Y

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CAZARES ANDRES & MURPHY MELANIE	MILLS HERMAN	\$425,000	2121	CITATION	LOOP	WENATCHEE	0.2200	1310	2011	3	2	N	N
IMHOFF AMBER & PHILLIP	BLAUMAN KATHLEEN E	\$420,000	717	GRANDVIEW	AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2200	1215	1956	3	1.5	N	Y
VECERA THOMAS M	HARRIS RICHARD M ETAL	\$416,000	325	E OKANOGAN	AVE	CHELAN	0.1000	592	1940	1	1.5	N	N
NELMIDA FAMILY LLP	ELLERTSON DON E	\$405,000	UNASSIGNED			CHELAN	1.8100	0	0			N	N
SCHRECONGOST LAUNA	SAGE HOMES LLC	\$402,900	12	EMMA	DR	WENATCHEE	0.1400	1784	2021	3	2	N	Y
ABHOLD JUSTIN & DANYKA	THOMAS HELEN L	\$400,000	1535	LOWER MONITOR	RD	WENATCHEE	0.4300	1728	2003			N	N
VAFAEEZADEH ALI & THERESE	KAMPHAUS ETAL RICHARD L	\$400,000	318	W GIBSON	AVE	CHELAN	0.1500	1056	1976			N	N
LOGAN RICHARD & HOWARD NANCY D	NIMSIC NOEL C & DIANE E	\$399,500	132	QUAIL	RUN	WENATCHEE	0.0000	1134	0			N	N
GARRISON ASHLEY	MIDDLETON MEGAN	\$380,000	619	YAKIMA	ST	WENATCHEE	0.1400	866	1922	2	1	N	N
COMPTON BROOKE K	BROMUND MICHAEL	\$380,000	615	MARJO	ST	WENATCHEE	0.2100	1411	1910	3	1	Y	Y
WILLIAMS ISMAEL V	NELSON DAREN L & CHRISTINA C	\$379,000	1106	6TH	ST	WENATCHEE	0.2300	1949	1928	3	2	N	N
SAMUEL DILLION & THOMPSON MORGEN	BINDER LLC	\$377,000	5439	BINDER	RD	CASHMERE	0.4200	1344	1983			N	N
GOODELL DOUG & CINDY ETAL	STIPE BETH	\$375,000	1519	WASHINGTON	ST	WENATCHEE	0.2800	1092	1916	2	1	N	Y
SLOBODEN CAMERON & ARIEL	STIRANKA MICHAEL & MARINA	\$370,000	25704	BRIDLE	LN	PLAIN	0.2500	1225	1987	1	1	N	Y
DALGAS GEOFFREY C & JENNIFER L	REYNOLDS RENTALS LLC ETAL	\$365,000	420	W MANSON	RD	CHELAN	0	510	0			N	N
ELLERKAMP JASON & ALEICE	BERDAN FAMILY HOLDINGS LLC	\$365,000		JIM SMITH	RD	WENATCHEE	4.9500	0	0			N	N
DUENAS MARIO & BERTHA	LITTLE SHARON K	\$350,000		UNASSIGNED		CHELAN	20.0000	0	0			N	N
SELL LAURA A & JEFFREY J	DURAND JAN TRUSTEE	\$350,000	462	5TH	ST	CHELAN FALLS	0.3400	1050	1929	3	1	N	N
BOWERMAN TRACY & WILSON KERN	MARSON C LEE	\$350,000	349	PROSPECT	ST	LEAVENWORTH	0.1800	0	0			N	N
POURNASSEH AMIN & MOGHADDAM HENGAMEH F	MITCHELL MIKE ETAL	\$345,000	100	WATERVIEW	DR	CHELAN	0.3800	0	0			N	N
GAVIN MIKAEL	ROBINSON MARTHA A	\$345,000	1310	CASTLEROCK	AVE	WENATCHEE	0.0000	1350	0			N	N
DIRKS AARON & BRITTN Y	FAMILY HOME PROPERTIES LLC	\$344,229	2619	INDY	LN	WENATCHEE	0.2900	2316	1982	2	2	N	Y
MELTON CHRISTOPHER	LANE JENNIFER J & WILLIAM R	\$340,000		UNASSIGNED		CHELAN	20.0000	0	0			N	N
STOKES JESSICA L & RYAN L	SELECT HOMES INC	\$325,000	205	EASTON	WAY	CHELAN	0.5000	0	0			N	N
FAUERSO CHRISTIAN & SARA	J & O LLC	\$325,000	337	ALPENGLOW	DR	LEAVENWORTH	0.1400	0	0			N	N
DAHL DAVID W	WITHERIDGE ROBERT A JR & BRIENNE J	\$319,000	45	SUNSHINE	LN	ENTIAT	1.5400	0	0			N	N
STABLEIN CHRISTOPHER M & JENNIFER M	HEBERT MARK & SUSAN	\$315,000	307	BENTON ST		LEAVENWORTH	0.1300	0	0			N	N
JAWA HITESH & MALHOTRA ALPA ETAL	JAMISON ROBERT T	\$299,000	124	BIRCH	ST	LEAVENWORTH	0.1400	0	0			N	N
AIRWAY EXCAVATION & CONSTRUCTION LLC	ARROYO DANIEL & IRMA ETAL	\$290,000	4915	MALAGA HYW	ALCOA	MALAGA	12.8400	0	0			N	N
GILBERTSON BROOKS & GRACIA	HAGA CAROLINE E	\$290,000	22414	STIRRUP	RD	PLAIN	0.3200	0	0			N	N
STANARD JAMES D & CHAN CHRISTY	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$283,000	1410	COTTAGE	LN	CHELAN	0.0800	0	0			N	N
PADRON NICHOLAS R & FAULKNER TARA L	TOLENTINO PATRICIA	\$280,000	905	OKANOGAN	AVE	WENATCHEE	0.1500	1618	1916	4	2	N	Y
AXELSON CONSTRUCTION LLC	OAK HARVEST LLC	\$275,000		UNASSIGNED		LAKE WENATCHEE	0.3500	0	0			N	N
RODRIGUEZ REFUGIO & RUBALABA MARIA DE JESUS	ROBBINS ROBERT L	\$253,000	2414	NUMBER 2 CANYON	RD	WENATCHEE	2.1500	1848	1985			N	N
GARIBAY SOPHIE & HECTOR	GARIBAY ROBERTO/MEAGAN C	\$250,000	2978	HEDDING	ST	ENTIAT	0.3900	1400	1999			N	N
RIVERA AQUILAR FREDY M & RIVERA ROMERO ANA L	ORONDO ORCHARD LLC	\$250,000	525	ORONDO	AVE	WENATCHEE	0.1400	1008	1906	3	1	N	N
HAMILTON CHRISTIAN M & TRACEY S	RSTA INVESTMENTS LLC	\$250,000	8071	NAHAHUM CANYON	RD	CASHMERE	6.1500	0	0			N	N
BURCHARD BRANDON & SHARA E	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$249,000	46	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
FOSTER RICKY & ANDREA	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$249,000	24	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
RAGIH ALI & ROCHELLE ETAL	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$249,000	12	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2900	0	0			N	N
JERGOVIC JADRAN & KENDRA	HAMILTON MAE L TRUSTEE	\$240,000	4745	BRISKY CANYON	RD	CASHMERE	5.0000	0	0			N	N
EASTHAM SCOTT C & COLEEN R	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$239,000	70	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
ALANIZ SIMON & MARI J	SOLANO LINDA L	\$220,000	2504	NUMBER 2 CANYON	RD	WENATCHEE	0.8800	1800	1990			N	N
LAMBRIGHT HOLDINGS LLC	THOMAS CLYDE E	\$220,000	409	N CEDAR	ST	CHELAN	0.1700	1223	1961	3	1.75	N	Y
KING MATTHEW R & SHELBY R	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$219,000	105	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
FALLON EDWIN & CHERRY FAMILY TRUST	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$219,000	119	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
REYKDAL GORDON K & MORAN-REYKDAL MOLLY	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$219,000	86	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
KAUFMAN KEVIN & JULIE	PRICE TRENT K & MILLIE M	\$216,000	3545	SCHOOL	ST	WENATCHEE	0.4600	0	0			N	N
NAVAS SHARONE & RE STEPHEN	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$216,000	1402	COTTAGE	LN	CHELAN	0.0700	0	0			N	N
HEART FOR HOMES LLC	EN INVESTMENTS LLC	\$210,000	781	4TH	ST	CHELAN FALLS	0.1600	891	1998			N	N
SUTHERLIN RUBY & KEITH	SHANNON FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	\$210,000	3845	SQUILCHUCK	RD	WENATCHEE	13.4000	960	1987			N	N
FALLON EDWIN & CHERRY FAMILY TRUST	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$209,000	133	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
MASHAYEKH MICHAEL & HWAJI	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$209,000	102	SAILING HAWK	LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
TRUDELL COBY D & HUBENSACK KRISTINA M	ORNELAS JERRY	\$205,000	180	SEQUOIA	LN	WENATCHEE	10.1300	0	0			N	N

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LANGE ANDREW	MILLER KIMBERLY A	\$205,000	15775		COYOTE FALLS RD	ENTIAT	3.7500	0	0			N	N
PEREZ GONZALEZ SILAILA	CRUZ MARIO A	\$200,000	614		GRANDVIEW AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2400	2204	2006	4	2.5	N	N
FOX CHAD & ELIZABETH	TALOS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$199,000	132		SAILING HAWK LN	MANSON	0.2400	0	0			N	N
PORTER BRET D & GINA M	SMT DEVELOPMENT CO LLC	\$191,440			UNASSIGNED	CHELAN	1.1300	0	0			N	N
DUNAGAN DANIEL L ETAL	ZELINSKI ANTHONY J & JENNIFER K	\$185,000	442	W	ROLLING HILLS LN	WENATCHEE	0.9300	0	0			N	N
BURGETT ROBERT R & BRENDA J	RHODUS NYLEEN	\$176,350	1625		PLEASANT AVE	WENATCHEE	0	1512	1998			N	N
KENOYER KEVIN & KIERA	HACKSMA KIMBERLY D	\$175,000	310		ELBERTA AVE	CASHMERE	0.0900	738	1918	1	1	N	N
TRINITY CHURCH OF WENATCHEE	WEN VALLEY CHURCH OF BRETHERN	\$175,000	535		OKANOGAN AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2700	14252	1928			N	N
DEASON CLINT & KATHLEEN	DAWERITZ VAN L	\$172,000	1116		HIGHLAND DR	WENATCHEE	0.1700	756	1920	2	1	N	N
BLAUMAN KATHLEEN E	OLSEN WILLIAM J & CATHY S	\$166,000	717		GRANDVIEW AVE	WENATCHEE	0.2200	1215	1956	3	1.5	N	Y
R & B INVESTEMENTS UNLIMITED LLC	JAPA PROPERTIES LLC	\$166,000	60		COWBOY LN	LAKE WENATCHEE	2.2100	0	0			N	N
STOVNER KYLE A & OLSON KAYLA M	BEAL LAURA A ETAL	\$160,000			UNASSIGNED	LAKE WENATCHEE	4.1000	0	0			N	N
RUETHER KARL & DENISE LANCASTER	KRUSE ERIC & LORI	\$155,000			UNASSIGNED	PESHASTIN	0.4200	0	0			N	N
WELLS NITSO JANNIE	SUNSET MARINA LLC	\$151,000			W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	600	2017			N	N
ANDERSON DJ & ANDREA ETAL	HARRINGTON KEVIN B & LISA E	\$149,500			UNASSIGNED	MALAGA	20.0000	0	0			N	N
DIAZ JUAN C	FRY AVERY & KELLY	\$149,000	1018		SPRING MOUNTAIN DR	WENATCHEE	0.3400	0	0			N	N
ROSE JASON T & CARLA A	FORD JOHN L JR	\$145,900	171		JOHN TRUETT DR	MALAGA	0.5500	0	0			N	N
PIERRE SHANE	SSM FORTY INVESTMENT INC	\$137,950			W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	600	2017			N	N
LEAHY JOSEPH & PAMELA	WHITAKKER CLAY	\$135,000	16856		FIR DR	LAKE WENATCHEE	1.0500	1445	1978	2	1.5	N	N
SCHRECONGOST LAUNA	PHEASANT HILLS ESTATES LLC	\$135,000	12		EMMA DR	WENATCHEE	0.1400	1784	2021	3	2	N	Y
FLATEN ERIC M & GRAHAM SHERRIE G	PHEASANT HILLS ESTATES LLC	\$135,000	42		EMMA DR	WENATCHEE	0.1400	1894	2021	3	2	N	Y
DE MESTRE DARYL R & YVONNE P	PHEASANT HILLS ESTATES LLC	\$135,000	55		EMMA DR	WENATCHEE	0.1400	0	0			N	N
BOON BRIAN C & BROOKE A	FORD JOHN L JR	\$125,500	77		GOOD TERN LN	MALAGA	0.4900	0	0			N	N
GATES STEFANIE M & RUSTY A	A HOME DOCTOR INC	\$125,000	304		MARGAUX LOOP	MALAGA	0.3700	0	0			N	N
SAUNDERS DANIELLE & KEELER SAM	SSM FORTY INVESTMENT INC	\$110,950			W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	502	2017			N	N
SITKA LIVING TRUST	SUNSET MARINA LLC	\$109,950			W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	450	2017			N	N
SCHIEFER COLETTE C	CHELAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LLC	\$107,000			UNASSIGNED	CHELAN	20.0400	0	0			N	N
MANSON PROPERTIES LLC	MUNCKO JOSEPH T & JULIE A	\$89,500	1240	W	WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	380	0			N	N
KIEHN MITCHELL D & SHANNON	BLAYLOCK JACKIE D	\$89,000	5788		MOUNTAIN LANE RD	PESHASTIN	5.0100	0	0			N	N
DONE WITH LAND LLC	WILSON FAYE	\$87,500			UNASSIGNED	LAKE WENATCHEE	3.0000	0	0			N	N
CSGDC LLC	SSM FORTY INVESTMENT INC	\$79,950			W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	288	2017			N	N
LOZANO CARLO M & NORDSTROM-LOZANO JENNIFER E	SSM FORTY INVESTMENT INC	\$76,950			W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	288	2017			N	N
KJB PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	RODRIGUEZ-BENITO A F	\$70,000	307		STEVENS ST	WENATCHEE	0.2100	1794	1910	3	1	N	N
MCGEE LLOYD	SMITH GARY	\$50,000	18118		ENTIAT RIVER RD	ENTIAT	0.4400	0	0			N	N
ALVARADO EMILIO & VAZQUEZ ROCIO	HILL JASON M & ANNAMARIE S	\$36,000	5150		CRUM CANYON RD	ENTIAT	7.3000	0	0			N	N
PORTER BRET D & GINA M	NORTH STAYMAN FLATS LLC	\$13,560			UNASSIGNED	CHELAN	1.1300	0	0			N	N
RM FAMILY TRUST	JOSEPHSON ROBERT & CINDY	\$6,500			UNASSIGNED	CHELAN	0.0000	0	0			N	N
VAN HORN KELSEY M & SCOTT J	BEDELL JULIE L	\$5,000			UNASSIGNED	CHELAN	0.0000	0	0			N	N
BIRDSALL JESSE & LINDSEY	CHELAN COUNTY TAX TITLE	\$1,431	103	N	PARK & WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	0	0			N	N
VERONE ROBERT & CAROLYN	CHELAN COUNTY TAX TITLE	\$125	103	N	PARK & WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	982	0			N	N

North Central Washington selection for Rural Tourism Support Program in four counties

**Submitted by Washington
State Tourism**

NCW – Four counties in North Central Washington will participate in the next Rural Tourism Support (RTS) program by State of Washington Tourism (SWT).

The North Central Washington Economic Development District (NCWEDD) will serve as the lead for tourism stakeholders in Chelan, Grant, Douglas, and Okanogan Counties.

A panel of industry experts selected the region as the second destination for the RTS program after a competitive process with other regions across the state.

Launched in 2021, the RTS program is

a key pillar of SWT's destination development strategy and serves as a vital resource for underserved communities. Program applicants must identify tourism as an economic development strategy and intend to work collaboratively with regional partners as a visitor destination.

The RTS program serves as a model for communities across the state striving for more sustainable tourism growth.

The program implements a community tourism approach to destination development and is facilitated by sustainable-tourism expert Kristin Dahl, founder of Crosscurrent Collective.

A committee of local stakeholders determines key action items, including a 10-year vision for the evolution of the destination and a better understanding of how regional, national and global travel trends apply locally, with the goal of improving the quality of place for visitors and residents.

Upon successful completion of the program after six to eight months, tourism stakeholders are encouraged to apply for financial assistance from SWT and other funding sources to support projects identified as priorities in a series of community workshops.

“Thanks to the Rural Tourism Support program by State of Washing-

ton Tourism, North Central Washington can work toward shared goals as a regional destination, including enhancing the visitor experience and addressing impacts in high-use areas,” said Alyce Brown, executive director of NCWEDD.

“North Central Washington saw a tremendous increase in visitors during the pandemic, which signaled the need for destination management. If the RTS program can help local stakeholders manage visitor flows and product development, the tourism industry can serve as a catalyst for economic empowerment, cultural understanding, and environmental conservation in rural communities.”

Wenatchee MSA (Chelan and Douglas Counties) Labor Area Summary – MAY 2022

Overview

This report provides an update on the Wenatchee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) economy using not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm employment and civilian labor force data. Analysis focuses on year over year (May 2021 and May 2022) and average annual data changes (between 2020 and 2021).

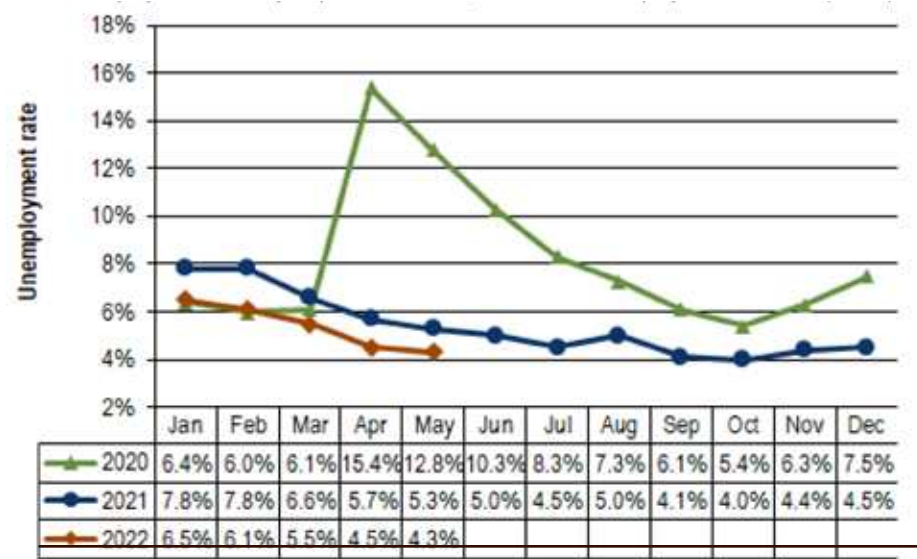
Unemployment rates

Civilian Labor Force (CLF) data show that Washington’s not seasonally adjusted average annual unemployment rate fell from 8.5 percent in 2020 to 5.2 percent in

2021. Between May 2021 and May 2022, the rate dropped from 5.1 to 3.6 percent, a decline of one and five-tenths percentage points.

In the Wenatchee MSA, the average annual unemployment rate fell from 8.2 percent to 5.4 percent between 2020 and 2021. Year over year, unemployment rates have declined for the past 14 consecutive months (May 2021 through May 2022). The May 2022 percent reading of 4.3 percent is the lowest rate for the month of May in the Wenatchee MSA since data began to be re-

Wenatchee MSA unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted Washington state, January 2020 through May 2022. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



The Wenatchee MSA’s unemployment rate fell by one full percentage point between May 2021 and May 2022.

Total nonfarm employment

Between 2020 and 2021, estimates indicate that Washington’s labor market provided 81,100 more nonfarm jobs, an average annual increase of 2.5 percent. Year over year, Washington’s nonfarm market contracted from April 2020 through March 2021 prior to expanding from April 2021 through May 2022.

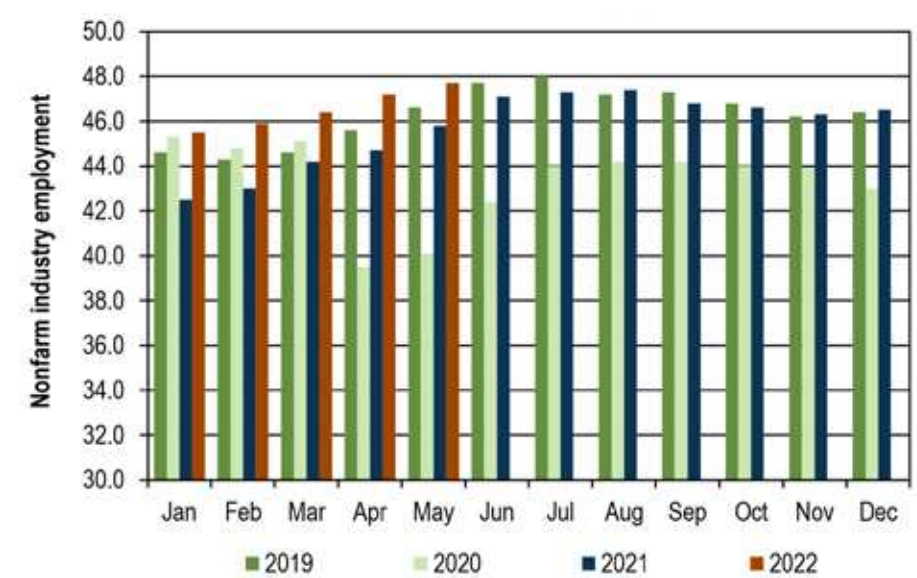
This May, business and government organizations statewide tallied 3,524,400 jobs (not seasonally adjusted) compared with 3,342,600 in May 2021, up by 181,800 jobs and 5.4 percent.

The Wenatchee MSA’s economy added 2,300 jobs during 2021, a 5.3 percent upturn, more

robust than Washington’s 2.5 percent growth rate between 2020 and 2021. Year over year, the Wenatchee MSA’s nonfarm market contracted for 12 months (April 2020 through March 2021) prior to employment increases during the past 14 months (April 2021 through May 2022).

This May, total nonfarm employment netted 1,900 more jobs than the 45,800 jobs tallied in May 2021), a 4.1 percent increase. In fact, the two-county Wenatchee MSA economy provided 1,100 more nonfarm jobs (up 2.4 percent) in May 2022 (47,700 jobs) than in May 2019 (46,600 jobs), an indication that the local nonfarm market has rebounded to levels above the pre-COVID era.

Wenatchee MSA nonfarm industry employment, not seasonally adjusted, in thousands Washington state, January 2019 through May 2022. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



Nonfarm employment in the Wenatchee MSA increased by 4.1 percent between May 2021 and May 2022.



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Wenatchee MSA labor force and industry employment, not seasonally adjusted Washington state, May 2022. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Current Employment Statistics (CES)

Wenatchee MSA	Preliminary May-22	Revised Apr-22	Revised May-21	Change		Percent change
				Apr-22	May-21	May-21
				May-22	May-22	May-22
Labor force and unemployment						
Civilian labor force	64,622	65,067	64,572	-445	50	0.1%
Resident employment	61,812	62,123	61,148	-311	664	1.1%
Unemployment	2,810	2,944	3,424	-134	-614	-17.9%
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.5	5.3	-0.2	-1.0	
Industry employment (numbers are in thousands)						
Total nonfarm ¹	47.7	47.2	45.8	0.5	1.9	4.1%
Total private	38.2	37.9	36.8	0.3	1.4	3.8%
Goods producing	6.0	6.0	5.8	0.0	0.2	3.4%
Mining, logging and construction	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1	3.1%
Manufacturing	2.7	2.7	2.6	0.0	0.1	3.8%
Service providing	41.7	41.2	40.0	0.5	1.7	4.3%
Private services providing	32.2	31.9	31.0	0.3	1.2	3.9%
Trade, transportation, warehousing and utilities	9.9	9.9	9.7	0.0	0.2	2.1%
Retail trade	6.7	6.7	6.6	0.0	0.1	1.5%
Education and health services	8.1	8.1	7.8	0.0	0.3	3.8%
Leisure and hospitality	6.8	6.6	6.2	0.2	0.6	9.7%
Government	9.5	9.3	9.0	0.2	0.5	5.6%
Federal government	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1	11.1%
State government	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	9.1%
Local government	7.3	7.3	7.0	0.0	0.3	4.3%
Workers in labor/management disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households and agriculture. Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers receiving pay during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Columns may not add due to rounding.

The Wenatchee MSA nonfarm market provided 47,700 jobs in May 2022, a gain of 1,900 jobs since May 2021.

Employment and unemployment

Washington’s Civilian Labor Force (CLF) edged downward by 15,964 residents (a -0.4 percent downturn) between 2020 and 2021. This contraction occurred in the first half of 2021. Since then, the CLF either stabilized or expanded from July 2021 through May 2022. Washington’s labor force grew by 147,039 residents (up 3.8 percent), from 3,865,117 residents in May 2021 to 4,012,156 this May.

The Wenatchee MSA’s CLF revived from 66,257 residents in 2020 to 66,781 in 2021, a 0.8 percent upturn. Year over year, the local Civilian Labor Force has expanded in each of the past 12 months (June 2021 through May 2022). The good news: the Wenatchee MSA’s labor force posted year-over-year CLF increases faster than CLF growth rates statewide from June through December of last year. The concerning news: this rapid growth in the local labor force has slipped behind CLF growth rates statewide from January through May 2022 – a trend to watch in the months ahead.

Recently, the civilian labor force edged upwards from 64,572 residents in May 2021 to 64,622 in May 2022, a marginal 0.1 percent

upturn (Figure 3). Hence, there were only 50 more Chelan or Douglas County residents were in the CLF this May than in May 2021. However, resident employment increased by 664 during this time frame.

This could indicate that more employed residents are either commuting or teleworking to jobs outside of Chelan or Douglas counties. Simultaneously, the number of unemployed residents in the Wenatchee MSA declined dramatically from 3,424 in May 2021 to 2,810 in May 2022, a -17.9 percent decrease. In effect, the 0.1 percent CLF expansion combined with this -17.9 percent drop in the number of unemployed helped push the local unemployment rate down from 5.3 percent in May 2021 to 4.3 percent this May. Despite this historically low rate, the Wenatchee MSA’s CLF this May (64,622 residents) was 735 residents and -1.1 percent smaller than the 65,357 residents in the labor force back in May 2019 (three years ago, in the pre-COVID era). Statewide, the CLF was 3.0 percent larger in May 2022 (4,012,156 residents) than in May 2019 (3,895,556 residents).

Nonfarm industry employment

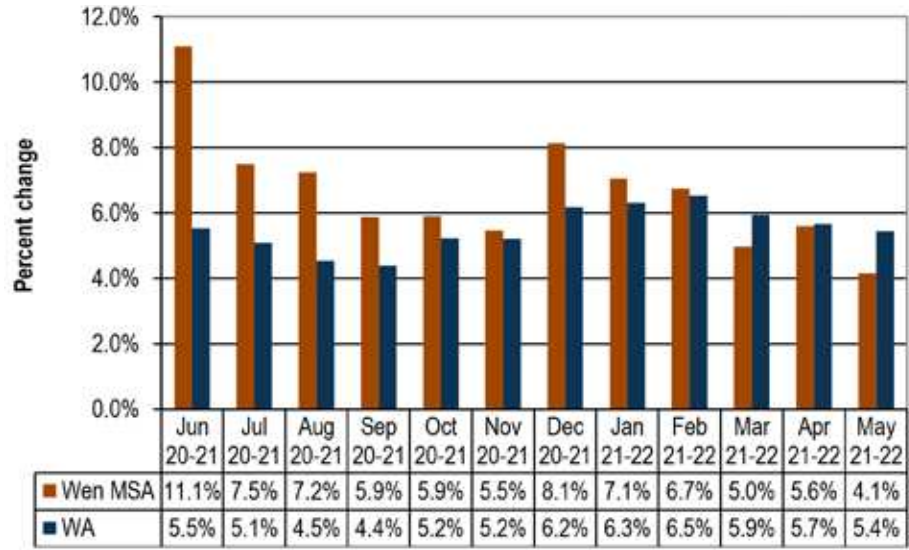
Year over year, the Wenatchee MSA’s nonfarm market contracted for 12 months (April 2020 through March 2021) prior to employment increases during each of the past 14 months (April 2021 through May 2022). Between the Mays of 2021 and 2022, total nonfarm employment in Chelan and Douglas counties (the Wenatchee MSA) rose from 45,800 to 47,700 jobs, a 1,900 job and 4.1 percent upturn, slightly less than Washington’s nonfarm job growth pace of 5.4 percent during this period.

Summaries of employment changes/trends between May 2021 and May 2022 for three local industries (construction, education and health services, and leisure and hospitality) are provided as follows:

◆ In the mining, logging and construction category, most jobs are in “construction.” Year over year, employment in the Wenatchee MSA’s construction industry has expanded for 18 consecutive months (December 2020 through May 2022). This May, construction provided approximately 3,300 jobs in the MSA, a 100 job and 3.1 percent advance over the 3,200 jobs tallied in May 2021. Also, the May 2022 Real Estate Snapshot newsletter published by

Pacific Appraisal Associates shows that the number of closed sales of single-family homes or condominiums in the first five months (January through May) of 2021 compared with the first five months of 2022 in the Wenatchee market (i.e., in Wenatchee, Malaga, East Wenatchee, Orondo and Rock Island, WA) declined by -7.5 percent, falling from 371 closed sales in the first five months of 2021 to 343 in the corresponding period this year (down by 28 sales). However, the number of active listings has risen sharply, from 36 listings in May 2021 to 104 in May 2022 (up by 68 listings and 188.9 percent) – so more units are currently “on the market.” Reference home prices in the Wenatchee market; they’ve been surging. This Real Estate Snapshot newsletter stated that the median sales price of homes/condos sold in the Wenatchee market accelerated from approximately \$420,000 in Year-to-Date (YTD) in May 2021 to \$485,000 YTD in May 2022, a jump of 15.5 percent. Employment in Washington’s construction industry has registered year over year increases from April 2021 through May 2022. Between the Mays of 2021 and 2022 construction industry employment statewide advanced by 10,100 jobs

Wenatchee MSA and Washington state total nonfarm employment changes Washington state, state, June 2021 through May 2022. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



Year over year, the Wenatchee MSA’s nonfarm market contracted from April 2020 through March 2021 before expanding during each of the past 14 months (April 2021 through May 2022). Washington’s nonfarm market also retrenched from April 2020 through March 2021 prior to expanding from April 2021 through May 2022.

and 4.5 percent, rising from 223,500 jobs in May of last year to 233,600 this May. Nearly three-quarters (73.3 percent) of the 10,100 jobs added in Washington’s construction industry between the Mays of 2021 and 2022 were with specialty trade contractors (i.e., roofing contractors, electrical contractors, plumbing contractors, painting/wall covering contractors, etc.).

Estimates indicate that private education and health services employment in the Wenatchee MSA either stabilized or expanded from April 2021 through May 2022. Between May 2021 and May 2022, the number of jobs in this industry advanced by 3.8 percent, from 7,800 jobs to 8,100, respectively. Statewide this industry has expanded in each of the past 14 months (April 2021 through May 2022).

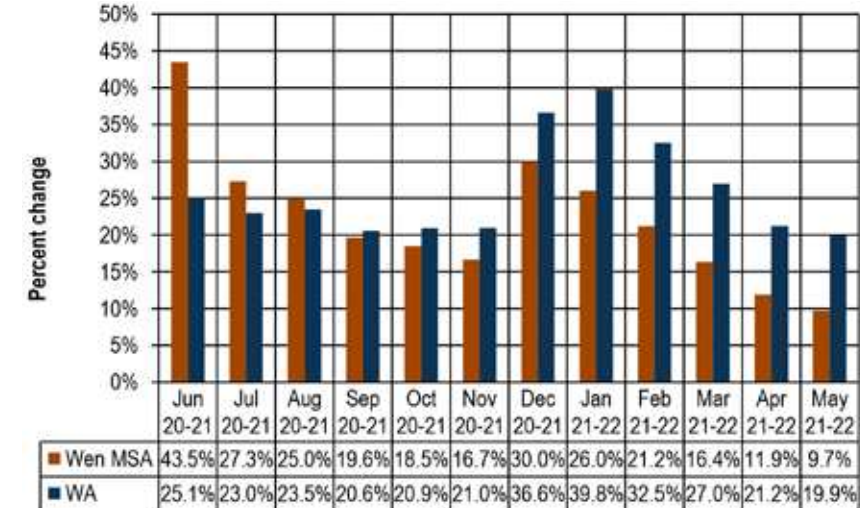
COVID-19-related layoffs in leisure and hospitality were more severe than layoffs in any other Wenatchee MSA industry during 2020. In fact, of the 2,900 nonfarm jobs lost in 2020 across the MSA, 1,600 jobs, or 55.2 percent, were in the leisure and hospitality sector.

Conversely, re-hiring in the local leisure and hospitality industry was stronger than re-hiring in any other Wenatchee MSA industry during 2021. Of the 2,300 nonfarm jobs gained in 2021 across the MSA, 900 jobs, or 39.1 percent, were in the leisure and hospitality sector.

Agricultural employment / production

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage (QCEW) program, conducted by the Washington State Employment Security Department provides agricultural and nonagricultural employment and wages for firms, organizations and individuals whose employees are covered by the Washington State Employment Se-

Wenatchee MSA and Washington construction employment changes Washington state, June 2021 through May 2022. Source: Employment Security Department/DATA; Current Employment Statistics (CES). Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



Year over year, employment in the Wenatchee MSA’s leisure and hospitality industry has increased from April 2021 through May 2022. Employment in Washington’s leisure and hospitality industry has also expanded in each of the past 14 months (April 2021 through May 2022).

Year over year, employment in the local leisure and hospitality industry has increased from April 2021 through May 2022. Between May 2021 and May 2022, leisure and hospitality (primarily hotels, eating and drinking places, and amusement and recreation services) added 600 jobs across the MSA, a lively 9.7 percent upturn as employment revived from 6,200 jobs to 6,800. Leisure and hospitality businesses added more jobs to the local nonfarm economy between the Mays of 2021 and 2022 than any other major industry, accounting for 31.6 percent of total nonfarm growth during this timeframe. Still, the number of leisure and hospitality jobs in the two-county Wenatchee MSA this May (6,800) was 200 jobs and -2.9 percent less than the 7,000 jobs tallied in the pre-COVID era of May 2019.

Hence, as of May of this year, the local leisure and hospitality sector has not quite recovered the total number of jobs lost since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

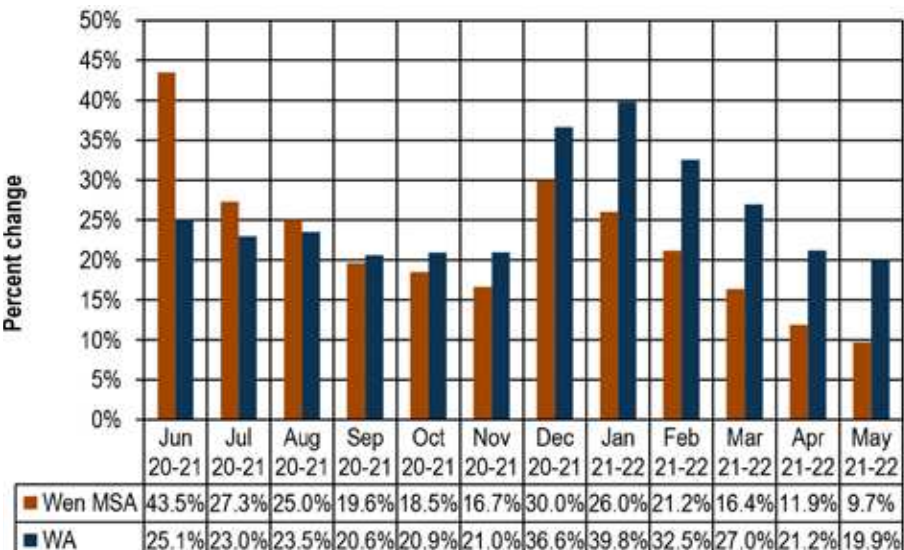
Employment in Washington’s leisure and hospitality industry has also expanded in each of the past 14 months (April 2021 through May 2022). Statewide, leisure and hospitality employment elevated 19.9 percent between the Mays of 2021 and 2022 (Figure 6) with accommodation businesses (within this leisure and hospitality sector) rising by a more rapid 29.8 percent, from 24,200 jobs in May 2021 to 31,400 this May.

curity Act. Frequently termed “covered” or “QCEW” data, this information provides a reliable data set for comparing employment and wage trends at the county level. In September 2021, revised average annual QCEW data for calendar year 2020 became available. An analysis of industry employment changes from 2010 through 2020 shows that in Chelan County:

Total covered employment rose from 38,179 in 2010 to 40,871 in 2020, a 2,692 job and 7.1 percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 0.7 percent. However, agricultural employment (a subset of total covered employment) decreased from 8,983 jobs in 2009 to 8,708 in 2020, a 275 job and -3.1 percent downtrend with an annualized loss rate of -0.3 percent. In 2010, Chelan County’s agricultural industry accounted for 23.5 percent of total covered employment; but ten years later in 2020, this industry provided only 21.3 percent of total covered employment countywide. Hence, the agricultural share of total covered employment fell by two and two-tenths percentage points (from 23.5 to 21.3 percent) in Chelan County during this ten-year period.

Total covered wages (not adjusted for inflation) rose from \$1.23 billion (in 2010) to \$1.88 billion (in 2020), a \$649.5 million and 52.6 percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 4.3 percent. The agricultural payroll (a subset of total covered wages) advanced from \$171.8 million in 2010 to \$279.1 million in 2020, a \$107.3 million and 62.5 percent uptrend with an annualized growth rate of 5.0 percent. In 2010, Chelan County’s agricultural industry accounted for 13.9 percent of total covered wages, and by 2020, agricultural wages tallied 14.8 percent of total covered payroll; meaning that the agricultural share of total nonfarm payroll advanced a marginal nine-tenths of a percentage point (from 13.9 to 14.8 percent) during this timeframe. Hence, the agricultural share of wages (versus total covered payroll) showed a marginal upturn, whereas agricultural employment trends showed that the agricultural industry has become less influential in Chelan County’s economy (when comparing the agriculture/total covered employment ratios in 2010 and in 2020). Certainly, agriculture is still a seasonal industry in Chelan County, but anecdotal evidence indicates that more agricultural workers are being hired into full-time year-round positions (with relatively fewer hires into part-time/seasonal positions); plus, automation in the picking, packing, and sorting of fresh fruit and vegetables appears to have reduced the need for labor. These are two apparent reasons why the agricultural share of total covered employment receded during this most recent ten-year period (see previous paragraph) while the agricultural share of total covered wages/payroll edged upwards.

Wenatchee MSA and Washington state leisure and hospitality employment changes Washington state, June 2021 through May 2022. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



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For Douglas County, an analysis of industry employment changes from 2010 through 2020 shows that:

Total covered employment rose from 10,823 in 2010 to 11,875 in 2020, a 1,052 job and 9.7 percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 0.9 percent. The number of agricultural jobs (a subset of total covered employment) decreased from 3,038 in 2010 to 2,690 in 2020, a 348 job and -11.5 percent downturn with an annualized loss rate of -1.2 percent. In 2010, Douglas County’s agricultur-

al industry accounted for 28.1 percent of total covered employment. In 2020, agricultural employment accounted for only 22.7 percent of total covered employment countywide. Hence, the agricultural share of employment contracted by five and four-tenths percentage points (from 28.1 to 22.7 percent) in Douglas County during this ten-year period.

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Web link to Monthly Employment Report (MER) for Washington state

https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/monthly-employment-report

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Lay me on a bed of roses... or shall it be Alfalfa?

Human Composting is making a big move within our state

By Barbara Washburn

Discussing and preparing for our own final death arrangements, or for those of our loved ones, is a psychological struggle for most.

Traditional funeral practices are often seen as unsustainable, wasteful and polluting in protecting our future. And in our eco-conscious world many choose the final disposition of humans as a gift to Mother Nature.

Our own state was the first of developing and approving the process called Natural Organic Reduction (NOR): human remains transformed into soil.

All along, people had been cared for by their family and friends, then often buried on their own property or even their back yards.

Nonetheless, now we are rethinking this final journey on Earth, not deciding to be burned up during the cremation process, which adds carbon monoxide into our atmosphere and burns fossil fuels.

Some of us cannot stand the thought of having our bodies filled with embalming chemicals; or doing the final; “Hair & Make-up” display. After all, there are much more natural ways for our bodies to move forward to the next phase.

In May 2019, Jay Inslee signed

SB5001 into law, which makes Washington State the first in the world to legalize natural organic reduction (NOR). This procedure is legally described as “the contained accelerated conversion of human remains to soil.”

Currently we have four companies in our state offering natural organic reduction. They are:

- Recompose – Seattle, WA.
- The Herland Forest, Klickitat County – Wahkiacus, WA.
- Return Home - Auburn, WA.
- Earth- Auburn, WA.

These companies consist of groups of scientists and researchers who work hand in hand with funeral directors. The process itself is fairly similar amongst them.

Often their employees had their career originate in the funeral business, still caring for families and helping them through the end-of-life arrangements for their loved ones.

The approach is now different from the traditional funeral industry. Nonetheless, the same professional licenses are held, and guidelines are being met and overseen by our state.

People making their end-of-life preparations and their family members can be assured that they will receive the highest standards of care.

Statements/quotes:
Katrina Spade of Recompose in Seattle, is the founder of NOR.

“Although farmers have been composting livestock for decades, I was the first to do the research and policy work necessary to bring human composting to the public,” explains Katrina Spade, who was raised in a medical family. “I grew up in a family where it was fairly normal to talk about death and dying at our dinner table.”

Such as music, she sees it is a form of recomposing. You can see a little bit about the history of her mission at: <https://recompose.life/who-we-are/#history>

Carolyn Maezes / Earth:
“We have purchased a beautiful piece of land on the Olympic Peninsula for our restoration and conservation efforts. It was historically logged, and we’ll be removing non-native species and reforesting it, creating a beautiful sanctuary and healthy ecosystem that is protected for future generations. We aim to have it open to families by the end of 2023.”

Walt Patrick has served as the director of Herland Forest – A natural burial in Klickitat County near Wahkiacus, WA.



Courtesy photo of Sabel Roizen; Recompose/Seattle

The human body is placed into a vessel for approximately thirty days, and covered with alfalfa, sawdust, straw and sometimes wildflowers. This process gently transforms human remains into rich, fertile soil.

“We work in partnership with funeral directors”, says Patrick. “All work is done outside in the forest.” He explains that the general weight and size limit of a person who has passed needs to be within the 6’5”/300 pound average in order to fit into the

vessel designed for the natural decomposition process to take place.”

Micah Truman of Return Home in Auburn encourages people to take a look at his facilities by calling to set up an appointment beforehand.

Suicide Prevention Program Implemented in Schools Across the Region with Funding from North Central Accountable Community of Health

EAST WENATCHEE – The Governing Board of North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH) allocated \$456,736 in April 2021 to address youth mental health, resiliency, and suicide prevention across Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties.

Hope Squad, a researched-backed approach to reducing youth suicide, became the primary beneficiary of funding distribution.

Local youth services organization, Together for Youth, and Dr. Julie Rickard, founder of Suicide Prevention Coalition of North Central Washington, worked together to bring on a coordinator and an AmeriCorps volunteer to implement the program across the region.

Currently, 34 of the 48 eligible schools in the area are on track to adopt the program for the 2022-2023 school year.

The regional adoption of Hope Squad across schools in North Central Washington is the largest effort of



its kind in the nation.

To highlight these efforts, NCACH is working alongside key partners to produce a three-part documentary series on the initiative. With the goal of encouraging important conversations about mental health on a local level, this series showcases the positive impact of implementing Hope Squad in counties across the region. Part one of the series is now available on the NCACH YouTube channel.

With Central Washington Hospital seeing a sharp increase in emergency room visits related to self-harm, suicide, and suicide ide-

ation in individuals under 18 in recent years, the launch of this program is vital to addressing mental health needs in the area.

“This program is really a game changer for our region,” Dr. Rickard said, referencing the importance of long-term investments in our youth.

“Having this program implemented in most schools in all four counties will allow students that move frequently to have the same experience, to be more readily accepted, and to be recognized earlier if they are struggling,” she continued.

For more information on

this initiative, visit [NCACH.org](https://ncach.org) and for future updates on the Hope Squad docu-series, visit the NCACH Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube channel.

North Central Accountable Community of Health

Guided by the mission of advancing whole-person health and health equity in the region, North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH) works to unify stakeholders, support collaboration and drive systemic change. Headquartered in East Wenatchee, NCACH acts a resource to organizations and individuals located in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties who want to collaborate on ways to improve the mental, physical and social well-being of those who live in this region. For more information visit [NCACH.org](https://ncach.org). Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program, is on track to be adopted in 34 schools across the region this fall, utilizing funds from North Central Accountable Community of Health. Together for Youth and AmeriCorps were brought on to assist with the rollout of the program. Morgan Eastman, Communications Manager 509-293-9337 or Morgan@ncach.org

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Wenatchee Main Street Association helps businesses recover from the pandemic

spending in the first few months of the pandemic, according to the study, but by October 2021, spending at restaurants exceeded pre-pandemic levels by 19 percent in Main Street Association districts, while the statewide restaurant spending remained 2 percent below pre-pandemic levels.

The Wenatchee Main Street Association started an extended campaign during the pandemic to promote local businesses called “Keep it Local” which is continuing to this day, said Haglund. During the pandemic, the association was able to help businesses with awareness, a gift card campaign, and to adjust to the plastic bag ban. “We were here. We stayed the course. We were here, available and we didn’t leave,” said Haglund. “We stayed right here with them if they had a question, we were here to connect them.”

Some businesses were hit harder by the pandemic than others, said Haglund. Most businesses found a way to adjust to the “new normal” like providing special shopping hours and creating more of an online presence. Some businesses, like Firehouse Pet Shop, were not as severely affected by the pandemic since people still needed pet food, she said.

The Wenatchee Main Street association provided some grants to downtown businesses in addition to their services, Haglund said. Businesses who wanted to do something fun downtown in June, July or August were able to apply for \$1,000 grants, some of which have already been distributed, she said.

Haglund said she is grateful for the relationship that the association and businesses have had with the larger community. “We have been very fortunate with the working relationship we have with our chamber, with our city, with our businesses with the people who love this downtown,” she said.