



Washington's newest community forest established at Nason Ridge

Photo by Jill M FitzSimmons

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Chelan-Douglas Land Trust
Communications Coordinator

Washington's newest community forest was brought to life on Thursday, April 14 when Western Rivers Conservancy transferred the 3,714-acre Nason Ridge property on Lake Wenatchee to Chelan County. This historic achievement is the result of a four-year effort by Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC), Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT), Chelan County and local community members.

"This project is an incredibly important win for the community and sets an example for the entire state of what it means to keep our forests standing, healthy and utilized," said Curt Soper of CDLT. "We've been working with the community for over two decades to conserve this property and support public access. We could not be more excited to see this prized forest, the very fabric of our community, forever protected."

Nason Ridge is a highly visible, forested mountainside above Lake Wenatchee that is used year-round for recreation and forms a dominant part of the Lake Wenatchee viewshed. The property provides important

fish and wildlife habitat and includes over two miles of Nason Creek, a critical salmon spawning stream and a key source of cold water for the Wenatchee River.

CDLT and the Lake Wenatchee community had long sought to conserve the property, which was formerly owned by Seattle-based timber company, Weyerhaeuser.

In 2018, WRC negotiated a deal with Weyerhaeuser to purchase the property. It then joined forces with CDLT, Chelan County and the local community to raise funds to permanently protect Nason Ridge by conveying it to a steward that could keep the property intact and in public hands forever.

Following WRC's purchase of Nason Ridge, the partners needed to raise \$6 million to pay for the conveyance of the property to Chelan County, and to underwrite its stewardship as a community forest and public recreation area.

Together, CDLT, WRC and local community members raised over \$1 million in private funds. The partners then spearheaded an effort to raise the remaining funds through a variety of public and private sources, including \$3 million from the Washington

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Eleven acres of grapes are planted at Chelan Ridge Winery.

Chelan Ridge Winery ownership transferred to William and Candace Swayne, with partners Greg Kurtz, Brad Bodley, Robert Knosp

By Norm Manly,
Community Volunteer

MANSON – On September 3, 2021, Henry and Lynn Munneke transferred ownership of the Chelan Ridge Winery, which they owned since 2003 to Chelan Ridge Holding LLC. The majority of the winery is owned by William (Bill) and Candace Swayne with partners, Greg Kurtz, Brad Bodley and Robert Knosp. The sale includes the tasting room, production facility and 11 acres of amazing grapes located at 900 Swartout Road in Manson.

"We are extremely pleased with our move to Manson and purchase of Chelan Ridge Winery, Candace declared. The people are amazing in this down-to-earth community. Welcoming, friendly and supportive are just a few of the reasons we love it here. Add the weather and beauty, what took us so long." "In 2020 I learned Chelan Ridge Winery was for sale, Bill said. By the time I was able to visit with Henry and Lynn, they had taken the winery off the market. I told them if they ever changed their mind to let me know. On one of my many visits to the winery, in December 2020, they finally said yes and the rest is history."

"After taking possession of the Winery

the first big change was the addition of a wood-fired pizza oven, an enlarged tasting patio and pavilion. This is part of our overall plan of offering amazing food under the direction of Chef, Greg Kurtz, Bill stated. Greg has an incredible background with his last assignment as executive Sous Chef from 2012 thru 2016 for the 1200 room Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Dallas, Texas. As part of his responsibilities, Greg managed the entire culinary program for the hotel, which included banquets, events, plated dinners for over 2000 people, large volume of convention business, and oversaw the Centennial Cafe with over 180 seats, Parrino's Italian Restaurant with 65 seats, Module's Bar with over 500 seats and all room service food for 1,200 rooms.

In the future Greg will serve as Executive Chef and Restaurant Manager for the planned "Ridge" Restaurant that will be coming soon."

All Chelan Ridge wines are Estate wines, which means at least 85% of the grapes making their wines are grown in their vineyard. They currently make 12 different wines, seven reds, three whites and two rosé, each distinct in color, smell and taste. This year they will produce 2,700

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Link Transit Board Accepts Bus Route Changes – Phase One Service Plan goes into effect July of 2022

By Megan Sokol,
Staff Writer

After multiple community members came out to Link Transit's March 15th public hearing, the board represented the Phase One Service plan once again, this time with some revisions. After a short 30 minute meeting, the plan was passed unanimously.

After residents gave their view on the proposed changes for Route 22, Cristina Barone once again presented the goals and objectives of the service plan, with the updated number of 83 required bus operators.

Some of the revisions include adding 18 stops to Route 22, versus the previ-

ously proposed 11 stops, to include a hybrid on-call schedule for stops in Peshastin. Link Transit will also install call-boxes in Peshastin so that riders can call in their stop.

It is recommended for travelers who want to stop at Peshastin to let the operator know at the beginning of the trip, and for those needing a ride from Peshastin to call the operator 15-60 minutes before the next stop.

Leavenworth Councilmember Anne Hessburg appreciates the revised plan and believes that it reflects many of the concerns given in the prior meeting. However, she still wants to keep a close eye on how many people call-in for the on-call pilot program as they evaluate the performance of this program.

"It's just another step that our community has to go through in order to have access to that bus route, particularly from the pedestrian location. Not everybody in our community owns a cell phone or has a landline. [...] That's just a whole other step that our community would have to go through in order to be able to ride the bus at the time that they need during those on-call slots."

Other changes in Chelan County include adding bidirectional service to Cascade Avenue, retaining service on Springwater, extending route 7, and deviating route 3 to serve Fuller Street both ways.

Planning and Development Manager Cristina Barone said that for the short-term, Link Transit would be adding the

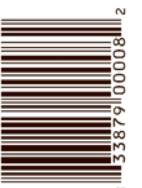
Wenatchee VA CBOC to Route 28. However due to the inaccessible road network, Barone hopes to collaborate with Chelan PUD on constructing a better point of access to the VA in the Boodry Street area.

"The VA is a little more challenging, because the way the street network is at Oldstation, it's really challenging for us because there's railroad crossings, there's not really good street connectivity."

Link Transit will also be introducing the Trip-Link volunteer driver program that would provide access to neighboring communities near Chelan and Douglas counties. They also recently hired vanpool/rideshare coordinator Jessica Huerta, who can provide more access to the VA.

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Long-time local Deputy Prosecutor Announces Candidacy for Chelan County District Court Judge

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Jessica Bravo

Allen F. Blackmon has announced his candidacy for Chelan County District Court Judge. Mr. Blackmon, a life-long Wenatchee resident and current Chelan County Deputy Prosecutor, is seeking the judicial seat being vacated by Roy Fore.

Mr. Blackmon graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1983, the University of Washington in 1988, and received his Juris Doctor from the Syracuse University College of Law in 1992.

Blackmon has served Chelan County as deputy prosecutor for the past 25+

years, practicing extensively in district, superior, juvenile, and mental health commitment courts. He is trained in sexual assault and domestic violence prosecution, mental health court, and gang crime prosecution.

He actively participates in numerous mental health committees and educates domestic violence advocates. Notably, Blackmon was instrumental in creating a mental health diversion program, and along with Senator Linda Evans Parlette, Confluence Health, and Catholic Charities, in modifying legislation to allow mentally ill clients to receive neces-

sary treatment locally. He favors establishing a mental health court due to his belief



Allen F. Blackmon

that it's in the best interest of society to have low-risk mentally ill individuals in crisis be

diverted from jail into proactive treatment programs.

According to Blackmon: "It is absolutely necessary to hold offenders accountable for their actions, but part of holding them accountable includes examining motivations on why the act occurred and crafting a sentence that addresses underlying causes. An untreated person experiencing a mental health crisis may continue to commit crimes, resulting in additional arrests and jail admissions. This places the individual at risk to themselves, the other inmates, and the jail staff."

Additionally, Blackmon deeply believes in accessibil-

ity of the courts for all. He readily acknowledges courtrooms can be intimidating and confusing. "It is my goal that all parties are afforded the ability to have their say and their questions answered. The public can only have confidence and faith in our courts if they believe they are being heard and that different viewpoints are allowed to be expressed." He believes balance in the make up of the court contributes to continued public confidence.

Allen seeks to bring a fair, balanced, and experienced perspective to the District Court bench. www.blackmonforjudge.co

Leavenworth City Council Member Anne Hessburg Announces bid for Chelan County Commission

Submitted by
Anne Hessburg

Leavenworth resident and city council member Anne Hessburg announced her candidacy for Chelan County Commissioner District 2.

"After a lot of thought and encouragement by local residents, I have decided to declare my candidacy for Chelan County Commissioner," Hessburg said. "Chelan County has great opportunities and difficult challenges ahead. We need strong leader-

ship that honors collaboration, honest dialogue, and service to the public," Hessburg said.

Hessburg plans to focus her campaign on three major priorities:

Collaborative Leadership - Chelan County residents deserve Commissioners who will invest time to build relationships, handle conflicts in a constructive manner, bring people together, seek to find common ground and understanding, and share decision-making to get effective and efficient results.

Honest Dialogue - Chelan County residents deserve open and honest conversations where they are encouraged to engage, contribute, and share their ideas.

Participation in dialogue is the key to success and proper representation.

Restoring Confidence in County Development - Chelan County residents deserve dependable, clear and consistent application of regulations, and experienced staff who are willing to work collaboratively

in a courteous, professional manner that seeks a workable permitting path forward.

Hessburg served for ten years on the City of Leavenworth Planning Commission and was elected to the Leavenworth City Council in 2019. She was then elected Mayor Pro Tempore by the council in 2020. Hessburg's local government experience, combined with her professional expertise with 15 years of experience on both sides of the counter as a Chelan County shoreline and land use planner, and current environmental and land use planner, has given her a valuable understanding of the issues associated with permitting and development within Chelan County, and the harsh financial consequences



Anne Hessburg

current issues have caused for our citizens and the county itself.

"Chelan County is at a critical juncture right now. I have the passion; necessary skill sets and a detailed understanding of the responsibilities of local government to properly lead and serve as Chelan County Commissioner."

Carnan Bergren announces his candidacy for Chelan County Public Utility District 3

Carnan, a lifelong resident of Chelan County, retired fruit grower and past Chelan County PUD Commissioner has officially announced his intentions to file for election to the Chelan County PUD Commission District 3, presently held by Ann Congdon of Chelan WA.

Carnan Bergren 67, was elected to the Chelan PUD Commission in 2008 and again in 2012 serving consecutive four-year terms.

After a 42-year fruit growing career, Carnan and his wife June purchased a home in Chelan Falls where they now reside. In addition to his past service as Commissioner to Chelan PUD, Carnan has also served on the board of Commissioners in the Washington Public Utility District Association (WPUDA) and General Board of Directors of Energy Northwest.

In addition, Carnan has served fruit growers as a Board member of Peshas-

tin Fruit Growers, Leavenworth Fruit Co. and the Washington/Oregon Canning Pear Association.



Carnan Bergren

Carnan has also served as a member of the Peshastin Sub Urban Area Task Force, the Peshastin Library, Cemetery and Community Water District, the Washington State Farm Bureau, the Leavenworth Rotary Club and is a current member of Samaritan Riders of Washington (a charitable motorcycle group).

"I have gained valuable experience that uniquely qualifies me to serve once again as your Chelan PUD Commissioner. I voted for and supported the districts present course in reducing its long-term debt and during my time in office worked hard to help develop the districts forward surplus energy sales program. I believe in a balanced approach in maintaining a predictable path forward.

"When elected, I personally pledge to come prepared each day to work with my fellow Commissioners and staff towards preserving low rates and least cost utility services that complement the environment and quality of life in Chelan County."

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Top 10 companies selected to compete for \$325,000+ at 2022 Flywheel Investment Conference

Submitted by
Jenny Rojanasthien,
Executive Director,
NCW Tech Alliance

For the first time since its inception, the Flywheel Angel Network has selected ten companies who will compete live for up to \$325,000 in awards at the 2022 Flywheel Investment Conference, May 18 - 19 in Wenatchee.

The goal of the annual Flywheel Conference is to bring entrepreneurs, investors, and professionals together to cultivate momentum for growing companies across Washington State.

Angel investors, institutional investors, startup advisors, ecosystem partners, startups, and professionals from across the Pacific Northwest travel to Wenatchee to attend the annual event.

The conference is organized by non-profit NCW Tech Alliance and is hosted in partnership with the Flywheel Angel Network who fund the investment offerings. The Flywheel Angel Network is a group of investors who support long-term economic development throughout North Central Washington.

This year, the network grew to 40+ investors and exceeded expectations when they sold out their investment fund.

This year's competition will see over \$275,000 in investment awards, the highest offering in Flywheel Conference history.

The investment awards combined with the relocation offer of \$50,000 puts over \$325,000 on the table for Washington State companies. Over the course of six weeks, the Flywheel Investment Conference received over 77 applications from startup companies across Washington State, the highest number of applications in Flywheel Conference history. In prior years, only the top six companies went on to compete in the conference. But through careful deliberation, this year the Flywheel Angel Network opted to select ten finalists to compete. The ten finalists include:

About NCW Tech Alliance

Since 1999, NCW Tech Alliance has served as the region's tech alliance, championing growth and development in North Central Washington. As a 501(c)3, NCW Tech Alliance's mission is to bring together people and resources in technology, entrepreneurship, and STEM education. For more information visit www.gwata.org.

AVIOT,
Shashwat Srivastav, CEO;
Seattle

Aivot builds general-purpose and fast-learning robots that cost a few dollars per hour to run. It uses intelligent software with commodity hardware to enable automation for open-ended environments like the food services, which are facing labor



Shashwat Srivastav

shortages. Aivot has strong customer validation.

BODIGUIDE INC.,
Deborah Kessler, CEO;
Bellevue

BodiGuide has developed and is commercializing the first leg-edema monitoring system for heart failure patients. The BodiGuide Anklelet automatically measures ankle circumference, which is the most direct and accurate way of monitoring fluid retention. It gives 6 million heart failure patients in the U.S. a worry-free way to improve their self-care and inform their cardiologist of the need



Deborah Kessler

for medical attention to prevent emergency hospitalizations.

BRAINSPACE,
Caitlin Morse, CEO;
Seattle

BrainSpace is modernizing the neuro ICU by developing hardware and software to protect the



Caitlin Morse

brain and help it heal. Their vision of success is to improve patient outcomes, reduce ICU staff burnout, build datasets for machine learning/AI applications and expand equitable access to care. Their first product will be used in the hospital to manage severe TBI, stroke, dementia and surgical recovery.

DRIP7,
Heather Stratford, CEO;
Spokane

Once upon a time, someone realized training was broken. Both systems



Heather Stratford

and attacks became more complex, risks were increasing. The bad guys were winning. Everyone was forgetting what they were taught – and what was remembered was not put into practice. Dangers were evolving too fast and training wasn't keeping up. Then someone looked at how your brain works and realized there's a solution – make it short, make it fun, and make it daily. And that is how Drip7 emerged into the world – to rescue training, one drip at a time.

FLEXCHARGING,
Brian Grunkemeyer,
CEO; Redmond

The transportation sector is the single largest consumer of fossil fuels and the largest producer of greenhouse gasses that are driving climate change. To solve this, the entire transportation industry is rapidly shifting from fossil fuels to electricity, but every vehicle is dependent on its local utility to supply this energy. The utilities cannot handle this massive new requirement, especially if it hits the grid at

the same time. FlexCharging solves this by shifting when electric vehicles charge. This flexible charging also lowers prices for consumers, reduces carbon emissions from utilities by charging when more renewables are available, and generates a rich data set. This data set is used by



Brian Grunkemeyer

utilities in their planning but is also highly valued by fleets, automakers, and EV charging providers.

GIVE INKIND,
Laura Malcolm, CEO;
Tacoma

Give InKind is a platform for organizing support for anyone, from anywhere. Each InKind page allows friends, families, and communities to provide help in



Laura Malcolm

a way that works for them.

From sending a meal to new parents to supporting a sick coworker, more than 2M people have come to InKind to answer the question "how can I help?"

HUNEY JUN LLC,
Beau Carrillo & Molly Hemler, CEO; Peshastin

Huney Jun is a certified organic producer of Honey fermented Jun-Kombucha, a bubbly probiotic-rich beverage infused with healthy herbs and botanicals.

As well as Huney Nectar, a line of first to market



Molly Hemler



Beau Carrillo

probiotic herbal honey's. Beau and Molly started brewing Jun-Kombucha at their home kitchen in Leavenworth, WA, and have steadily grown the company over the last four years in Peshastin, WA where they have built a state of the art brewing facility. Huney Jun-Kombucha is now available nationwide with retail distribution to more than 40 states.

INNOV8.AG,
Steve Mantle, CEO;
Walla Walla

Innov8.ag is an Eastern Washington based company focused on unlocking agricultural productivity in labor intensive, high value fruit farms across the US; enabling farmers to grow more, in fewer acres, using less resources. Visualizing unrealized economic potential with precision agricultural data and insights, empowering them to harness the true capabilities of their land and crops in a manner that supports sustainability of the environment.



Steve Mantle

STACK MOXIE,
MH Lines, CEO;
Kirkland

Stack Moxie is the first platform to allow business users to manage

tech stacks with the same quality an engineer brings to code or IT brings to a network. Marketing & Rev Ops is core to every thing happening in Product Led Growth, ABM, Big Data and just about every revenue function - Stack Moxie helps them deploy campaigns faster, scale faster, and make sure everything works as expected.



MH Lines

ZILA WORKS SPC,
Jason Puracal, CEO;
Renton

ZILA Works is developing a patented industrial bioplastic to help product manufacturers lower their carbon footprint. ZILA has traction in the marketplace: the world's largest snowboard manufacturer, and the largest wind turbine manufacturer, want to use ZILA's technology in their products. ZILA is currently



Jason Puracal

scaling up production of their bio-epoxy resin for its first paid pilot of 100 snowboards with resin delivery expected in June.

The public is invited to purchase tickets to attend the 2022 Flywheel Investment Conference. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.flywheelconference.com.

About the Flywheel Investment Conference

The Flywheel Investment Conference is an annual full-day event that generates momentum and resources for early stage companies. The Flywheel Conference is a unique opportunity for angel investors, venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, startups and community members to come together to connect, learn, and develop resources for building companies. Held in downtown Wenatchee, WA, the event features an investment competition, educational seminars, keynote presentations, and after-party celebration. More information at www.flywheelconference.com



How to decide what kind of garden you want this year

(BPT) Gardening has become a very popular pastime over the past two years, and that trend shows no sign of slowing down.

According to last year's Axiom Gardening Insights Survey, 62% of their respondents said they will plant even more in 2022.

Whether you're one of the many who plan to expand your garden or it's your first attempt, there are plenty of tools and resources available to help you succeed.

Here are steps to help determine what you want from your garden before the planting season is underway.

Figure out your gardening goals

You could have more than one motivation for gardening, ranging from just enjoying being outdoors to specific results. Your reasons might include:

- Growing veggies, fruits and/or herbs you can eat or use in cooking

- Boosting your home's curb appeal with beautiful flowers

- Attracting butterflies and/or bees with a pollinator garden

- Creating a pretty backyard sanctuary

Determining which goal is most important to you can help you make choices about what and where to plant.

Utilize help getting started

Enlist family members or friends to share tasks like planting, watering, weeding and fertilizing. Gardening is a great hobby for all ages, and children can have fun learning about nature from planting things and watching them grow.

One easy way to get started is with Ferry-Morse Plantings: live healthy baby plants delivered from the Ferry-Morse nursery directly to your door.

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available, ready-to-plant seedlings are an easy way to get the summer growing season started.

Plantings are a popular option to begin your gardening early, with established root systems that will yield a healthier garden - and leave you with a shorter to-do list come time for spring planting.

Know your space and time limitations

It's easy to be overwhelmed by all the amazing available choices, especially when you're new to gardening. But even homes with limited space can benefit

from the beauty of plants or flowers in a planter, window box or raised garden bed. Choose low-maintenance plants and flowers to save on time.

Consider using what you already must maximize your efforts - are there flowers and plants you already love in your yard? You could space them out if they are spreading varieties, moving some to other areas of your yard. Look up which plants need more sun or shade, so you know they'll thrive where you transplant them.

Yearning to start growing

indoors before the season begins. Jiffy Peat Pellets can help you get your seeds off to a healthy start and establish root systems, so your seedlings are ready to be planted directly into the ground at the start of the season.

Know your zone

Learn what plants are native to your geographical zone and hardiest where you live before purchasing seeds or Plantings. Learning the best times to plant specific species will also help your gardening efforts succeed. Your local agricultural extension office is a wonderful source of information on what plants grow best in your area.

Know your level of expertise

Gardening rookie? You'll enjoy your efforts even more if you limit the number of varieties, you plant. Focus on just a few at a time, then expand what you plant later in the year, or next year.

Even if you're an experienced gardener, it still helps to have a list of goals. Don't feel you have to do it all at once. To enjoy watching your garden transform its beauty throughout the growing season, plan for some early blooming plants, then arrange for different areas of your garden to feature mid-summer or late blooming flowers.

"Gardening is something anyone can enjoy, at any level of expertise, no matter how much space you have," said Rebecca Sears, chief gardening guru for Ferry-Morse. "Start with a few plants or flowers you love and learn what you can about them. There's nothing more satisfying than watching your garden grow and thrive."

Visit FerryMorse.com for everything you need to get started, plus tips and resources to help you enjoy your garden more than ever this year.

3 Affordable Kitchen Upgrades to Consider

(StatePoint) Is remodeling your kitchen on your wish list? Afraid of how much it'll set you back? HomeAdvisor puts the average kitchen remodel price in the \$12,567 to \$34,962 range. However, you can buck the trend of costly, complicated updates. Consider these three renovations, all of which will improve the look and functionality of your kitchen, without costing you thousands of dollars:

Refresh Fabrics

Reupholstering just one chair means shelling out \$150 to \$600, according to HomeGuide. If that's beyond what you're willing to pay, but you're not ready to replace a beloved set of kitchen chairs, you can update their look on a budget and in just a few minutes with stretchable seat covers.

A good choice for families with kids or pets, these covers are typically machine-washable and can be swapped out as often as you like to suit your mood. From geometric designs to citrus vibes to florals, they're offered in

a range of patterns that will look great with any style.

New Granite Surfaces

Countertops are the most common feature upgraded during kitchen renovations, according to a 2022 Houzz study, which found that nine in 10 remodelers performed this update.

The same survey found that 35% of homeowners are splurging to make it happen. If you've looked into granite countertops, you probably learned that it can cost thousands of dollars and take months to have them custom-made and installed.

Adding this touch of luxury to your kitchen doesn't have to bust your budget, involve contractors, or mean supply chain hassles.

It can actually be an easy, one-weekend DIY project. Using a LuxROCK Solid Surface Granite Countertop Kit from Daich Coatings, you can transform your countertops and island surfaces at just a fraction of the price of a professional granite countertop

installation.

For about \$300, a kit covers 40 square feet of space. This functional and decorative blend of real stone with stunning mineral highlights can be used to give a smooth appearance to countertops, tables, or any other surface. And because the authentic stone surface resists stains, heat and impact and is food safe, it's a great solution for the kitchen.

Each kit includes a prime coat, stone coats, clear epoxy, and a clear coat finish, as well as all the tools needed.

This revolutionary and exceptionally easy resurfacing project doesn't require any artistic skills to be a success. Nor does it require technical skills, as sinks, plumbing fixtures and existing countertops don't need to be removed before application.

If you're someone who likes the flexibility of changing things up every few years, it's simple to update granite surface colors using another LuxROCK kit when you're ready. Both



this U.S. patent-pending kit and the brand's textured countertop kits are available online at The Home Depot and Lowe's.

Optimize Your Pantry

Pantries are often tucked away, but you can still give them an eye-catching makeover. For fresh pops of color, paint the pantry door and wallpaper the interior. Group items by height, then use customizable shelving to stretch storage real estate. You may also wish to transfer kitchen staples to uniform

containers. This will offer a tidier, more visually appealing look, while helping you make better use of limited space. Whether you opt for mason jars, ceramic canisters, or BPA-free plastic cubes, label containers carefully.

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7 Ways to Pay Less on Auto Insurance

(StatePoint) Inflation is driving rising costs on everything from gasoline to groceries. And recent research shows that auto insurance is expected to rise for most policyholders this year too. While you can't control how insurers price their policies, you can avoid shouldering higher costs.

Here are a few ways to directly reduce your car insurance rates or mitigate increases:

- **Reduce coverage.** Look at your insurance policy to see if you could forego any add-ons, such as roadside assistance. If you have an older vehicle, consider all your options to see if paying for collision and comprehensive coverage is worth it.
- **Increase your deductible.** You may be able to lower your insurance premium by choosing an increased deductible (the amount you spend for repairs before insurance kicks in). Although increasing your deductible could save you money now, it could result in you paying more out of pocket if you have an accident down the line.
- **Use driver tracking programs.** Insurers typically base your premium on the information you provide them that indicates the level of risk they take on by insuring you. By using a driver tracking program, you'll provide your insurer additional information on your driving habits, which – if you are a careful and safe driver – could reduce your cost by 25% or more.
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- **Compare quotes.** Comparing quotes from different insurance providers can help you save money and lock in the best possible deal. Using price comparison websites can help simplify this process, allowing you to compare personalized quotes from multiple providers in real time. For example, Experian's auto insurance comparison service leverages technology to compare quotes from over 40 top providers in minutes. Its average user saves more than \$900 on auto insurance each year. Plus, the service offers free active rate monitoring, scouring the market on an ongoing basis to make sure you are getting the best rate among the Experian network of providers.

"Right now, consumers are looking for ways to maximize their budget. Our tool allows them to do in minutes what used to take hours, as well as possibly save hundreds of dollars," says Rod Griffin, Sr. director of Public Education at Experian.

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- **Improve your credit score.** Some insurers consider your credit-based insurance score when determining your premium. These scores use information in your credit reports to look at the likelihood that you'll file a claim so insurers can raise or lower your rates accordingly. To find out where you stand, you can check your credit report and score for free. Think about using services like Experian Boost to add positive payment history for utility and telecom accounts as well as video streaming services to your Experian credit report, which can potentially increase your FICO Score in real time.
- **Pay off your loan.** If you're still paying off your current vehicle, your lienholder may require that you hold a higher level of insurance, such as comprehensive and collision. If



manageable, paying off the loan could help you eliminate extra coverage expenses from your policy – lowering your monthly insurance payment.

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Teaching Children How to Protect Birds in Your Backyard

(StatePoint) Part of being a good environmental steward is passing on this wisdom to the next generation.

Here are three hands-on ways parents and grandparents can teach children to protect the birds in their very own backyard.

Build a Bird Feeder

Build bird feeders using natural or recycled materials to teach two earth-friendly lessons in one: the importance of reducing waste and the need to take care of local wildlife.

Bird feeders can be crafted from milk cartons, tin cans, mason jars or even natural materials like pinecones.

As you decorate your bird feeders, talk to your kids about how birds are not just beautiful, but also a vital part of the ecosystem and how you are offering these creatures a chance to rest and refuel.

Fill your finished products



with birdseed and choose a safe spot to hang them.

Experts recommend bird feeders be positioned either closer than three feet or farther than 30 feet from windows.

Protect Flight

Birds in flight are prone to strike windows. Fortunately, there's an easy home project you and your children can complete together that will help prevent this from happening.

Applying decals that reflect ultraviolet sunlight to your home's windows, particularly

windows that are highly reflective of open sky, has been proven to substantially reduce the likelihood of bird strikes.

Those from WindowAlert feature patterns that give the appearance of slightly frosted translucent glass, but glow like a spotlight for birds.

Kids can help select from fun decal designs like snowflakes, butterflies, and maple leaves.

The brand also makes a high-tech UV liquid that offers even greater protection when applied

between decals.

To learn more, visit WindowAlert.com.

Keep a Log

Now that you've invited birds to your yard and have taken steps to protect them, inspire young naturalists to keep a log of flying visitors. Kids can draw pictures of the birds they see and note their observations.

Visit Audubon for Kids at audubon.org for a birding guide, activities, games, and additional projects that can help kids learn to identify various bird species by sight and sound.

"Environmental stewardship starts in your own backyard and people of all ages can get involved, including kids," says Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert.

"The good news is that turning your home into a refuge for birds is fun, easy, and something parents, grandparents and kids can work on together."



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NCW Foundation for Youth thriving in Its New Home

By Denise Sorom,
Director of Community Philanthropy, Community Foundation of NCW

In 2001, the board of directors for the Credit Bureau of Wenatchee were in the process of closing the doors of their nonprofit and deciding what to do with their assets. Per federal law, when nonprofits dissolve, their remaining assets must be used for charitable purposes. At the time, the board members saw a need in the community to support programs that provided direct support to youth.

To that end, they formed the North Central Washington Foundation for Youth after the sale of the assets.

For the next 16 years, they volunteered their time to review applications from organizations that were di-

rectly benefitting youth in some way: providing uniforms for sports team, new instruments for music programs, or basic needs such



Denise Sorom

as food, diapers, clothing, or other support for children.

Their signature event became “Shop with a Cop,” whose aim was to help students in poverty purchase

Christmas gifts for themselves and their family members with a local police officer.

The program continues to this day and has not only supported families during the holidays but has also nurtured a positive relationship between the police and communities they serve.

In 2017, there were only two original board members, Wayne Loranger of Premiere One and Alan Beidler of Sage Real Estate who were still active with the NCW Foundation for Youth and both were facing upcoming retirement.

There was still a considerable sum of money at the foundation, and they were intent to keep up the good work it was doing.

When Wayne Loranger called CFNCW in the



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Shop with a Cop.

summer of 2017 and asked if it could take on this program, the answer was an emphatic: “Absolutely! We can do it!” CFNCW already managed several grant programs, had relationships with nonprofits throughout the region, and the request was completely inline with its mission to steward charitable funds in perpetuity. It was the perfect solution.

NCW Foundation for Youth transferred its remaining assets, \$494,000 to CFNCW and retained the exact criteria for making grants to youth, in addition to funding Shop with a Cop

each year. Since that time, the fund has grown to over \$568,000 all while making 70 grants to nonprofits totaling \$94,125!

Every two months, a dedicated group of CFNCW Trustees reviews grant applications for the NCW Foundation for Youth fund and make several awards to support children in our valley. Their recommendations go to our full board at each meeting and it is one of the highlights of their gatherings.

“We know we are making some kids smile by awarding these grants. Sending

them home for the weekend with extra food, helping them participate in sports program, or purchase an instrument so they can pursue their passion. It is an absolute privilege to award these grants,” attests CFNCW President, Mark Spurgeon.

“We thank Wayne Loranger and all those involved with the Credit Bureau of Wenatchee who had the foresight to establish this foundation.”

To learn more about the NCW Foundation for Youth Grant program, visit: <https://cfncw.org/ncwfoundationforyouthgrant/>

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Chelan Ridge Winery ownership transferred to William and Candace Swayne, with partners Greg Kurtz, Brad Bodley, Robert Knosp

cases of wine, plans are to increase that number each year.

Chelan Ridge Winery employs Jeff Crowder, owner Radiance Winery

to serve as winemaker. He works hand in hand with Bill in the production facility onsite, together making all decisions on winemaking for

Chelan Ridge Winery.

Enrique Hernandez and his family planted and managed Chelan Ridge Winery's 11 acres of grapes for the last 15 years. Their knowledge and dedication to growing quality grapes is known and respected throughout the Lake Chelan AVA. They will remain on staff as a very important part of the companies success.

At Chelan Ridge Winery their family begins with their club members. Their wine club will open a world of wine and food only found

at Chelan Ridge Winery. From special winemaker dinners to member-only wines, priority reservations to all events, discounts, and access to special wine club events, you won't want to miss anything.

The first 100 new members will be considered Ridge Club Founders and have their names permanently engraved on a “Founders Plaque” displayed in their tasting room.

Will Chelan Ridge Winery offer entertainment and events for the public? “Brad Bodley

our events manager is working on several activities including Monday Night Bingo, cooking classes, local bands and more. Throughout the year we will offer several Wine Club events and our facility is available to rent for weddings and parties,” Bill said.

Hours of operation at Chelan Ridge Winery are Friday and Saturday 1-7 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. on Sundays. Summer hours to be determined.

For more information call 509-687-4455 or visit their website at www.chelanridgewinery.com/



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Chelan Ridge Winery majority owners, Bill and Candace Swayne.

Commissioner Overbay appointed to WCRP Executive Committee



Kevin Overby

Chelan County Commissioner **Kevin Overbay** has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP).

Established in 1988 and representing 25 of Washington's 39 counties, the WCRP was "created by counties for counties" to provide its member counties programs of joint self-insurance, joint purchasing of insurance and joint contracting for or hiring of personnel to provide risk management, claims handling, and administrative services. The WCRP is governed by its Board of Directors, which is comprised of one director representing each of the member counties.

Overbay has been a director on the board since January 2019. Eleven directors are appointed to serve the Executive Committee, which provides oversight to the WCRP. Executive Committee members approve monthly expenditures and review general business of the WCRP.

Committee members also review any claims made against the WCRP or its members. And the committee members work with the Washington State Association of Counties and the Washington Association of County officials in considering statutory and regulatory issues impacting the counties. Overbay was unanimously appointed to the Executive Committee last month at the WCRP conference, which was hosted by Chelan County at the Wenatchee Convention Center. He will serve in the position through September 2023.



Danielle Johnston

JBe Marketing Group hires Digital Designer

WENATCHEE – JBe Marketing Group is pleased to announce their new employee, **Danielle Johnston** as digital designer and marketing coordinator. Johnston brings over 10 years of digital communications and social media management experience.

Her design images have been acknowledged by industry leaders and college professors. In her repertoire Johnston helped lead the 9/11 Spirit of America Memorial website project (Cashmere, WA) for Wenatchee Valley College. Along with her classmates, her efforts were acknowledged at the NCW's Tech Alliance Innovator's award ceremony as the STEM College Student Innovator of the Year Award. Johnston earned an Associate of Social Science and an Associate of Social Sciences Tech/graphic design degrees from Wenatchee Valley College.

About JBe Marketing Group: (jbe-marketing.com) JBe is a small, but rapidly growing marketing and communications firm in Washington State. JBe is a highly creative firm who is passionate about all things marketing. We are savvy communicators, public relations storytellers, journalists, and media-lovers. Known to create grassroots campaigns to high-end events, we put marketing strategies in place that return results.

New Member of American Angus Association

Charlee Dagnon, Loomis, Washington, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri. Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

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The Association also provides programs and services to farmers, ranchers and others who rely on Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers.

For more information about Angus cattle and the American Angus Association, visit www.angus.org.

Lake Chelan Home Watch earns Accredited Member status for 9th year

Submitted by National Home Watch Association

CHELAN – Lake Chelan Home Watch has earned Accredited Member status from the National Home Watch Association for the ninth year.

The NHWA was formed in 2009 in order to establish and maintain the highest industry standards for Home Watch and absentee homeowner services throughout the United States and Canada (www.nationalhomewatchassociation.org).

Home Watch is a visual inspection of a home or property, looking for obvious issues, which means that it is a service that "keeps an eye on things" at your vacation or primary home while you are not in residence.

Owner Ron Trickett's successful career as a builder near Seattle for most of his adult life enabled him to buy a place at Lake Chelan. When he was able to relocate there full-time in 2013, he realized the need for Home Watch there was huge.

Because he experienced the anxiety of owning a second home – even with friends and neighbors checking on his place – he knew that he couldn't be alone with the problems he was experiencing.

So, he spoke with friends and neighbors at the lake, who encouraged him to start a Home Watch business. Because his own home had been left unlocked for weeks and another time

a ruptured exterior water line spewed water for days until someone finally noticed and called him, he knew they were right.

No more "neighbors doing favors." Ron's 35 plus years of construction experience have given him a keen and knowing eye, so his attention to detail ensures that his clients' homes are being looked after as if they were his own.

Ron volunteers time to help support the Manson Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity, and other community projects.

As part of his personal commitment of giving back to his community, Ron is a past Board member of the Manson Chamber of Commerce and supports the



Ron Trickett

Chamber's mission of improving both the community and business environment of his hometown.

Lake Chelan Home Watch serves the Lake Chelan area, as well as the Chelan, Manson, Entiat, Orondo, and Chelan Falls communities. Ron can be reached at 509-393-3652 or at ron@LakeChelanHomeWatch.com. Learn more from his website, at www.LakeChelanHomeWatch.com, or follow him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lakechelanhomewatch.

Numerica PAC hires new Director of Development



Marissa Collins

Submitted by Alex Haley, Director of Programming & Marketing, Numerica Performing Arts Center

J. Woody Lotts, Executive Director of the Numerica Performing Arts Center, has announced the hiring of **Marissa Collins** as the Numerica PAC's new Director of Development. Collins will begin her new role on Monday, April 11, 2022.

No stranger to the performing arts, Collins returns to the Numerica PAC after working with 501 Consultants since 2019, a business development and non-profit consulting firm out of Cashmere.

Collins previously served as the Marketing Director at the Numerica PAC for seven years prior to joining 501 Consultants. She has also been a prolific performer in the area and can be seen in the upcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz* as Glinda the "Good Witch."

"Her experience in marketing, strategic planning, and fundraising will make her a valuable addition to the Numerica PAC team. Marissa has intrinsic knowledge of our organization, that combined with her new skillsets from

working with 501 Consultants will be essential to our vision of creating a sustainable, cultural hub that inspires, educates, and empowers this community." – J. Woody Lotts

As the new Director of Development, Collins will be responsible for designing and implementing a fundraising plan that maximizes revenue from the foundation, government, corporate, and individual sources. Working closely with the Executive Director, Collins will plan, design, market, and implement the fund-raising infrastructure for the Numerica PAC.

"There is a lot of great energy at the Numerica PAC right now. It feels like

the perfect time for me to return, in this new role, to help the theater we all love reach its full potential." – Marissa Collins

The Numerica Credit Union is the naming sponsor of the Numerica Performing Arts Center at the Stanley Civic Center.



Allen and Kim Tangeman, owners of First Choice Collision Center for the last 22 years, have decided to retire.

After 48+ years in the industry for Allen, an opportunity to sell the business presented itself and, with lots of thought and consideration, it was a good time to turn the reins over to the next generation. The same staff will remain to carry on the great customer service, as always, something that is of utmost importance to them. They look forward to continuing their involvement in the community and want to send out a heartfelt thank you to all who have supported them and the business for the past two plus decades.



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Wray's owner Chris Brown, Martin's Market owner Phil Blackburn, WFIA CEO Tammie Hetrick, Dave Willis from Willis Marketing, and General Manager David Weber.

Phil Blackburn and David Weber awarded WFIA Retailer of the year

By Megan Sokol

Martin's IGA Market owner Phil Blackburn and General Manager David Weber both were awarded the Washington Food Industry Association Re-

tailer of the Year on April 21 at Martins IGA Market in Cashmere. WFIA representatives gifted the award recipients with cake and balloons.

Dizzy D's gains new owners

By Megan Sokol,
Staff Writer

The homegrown diner and hotspot Dizzy D's has been adopted by new co-owners Jeanetta and JJ Coyne. They both agree that they do not wish to make any major changes to the diner.

"For the most part, the small-town diner bit has just been a fantastic place. I've been coming here for years, and I've cooked in a lot of different places, and I really enjoyed coming here for burgers compared to some of the other places I could have chosen," JJ Coyne explained.

The Coyne couple officially opened on April 5th and have been thoroughly impressed with the community's response to the new change. They will also keep the same staff during this transition.

"They're an amazing group of people, the cooks are fantastic. So many years of experience between them I can't even compare. To give credit to the prior owners, the staff are some of the most well-trained individuals I've ever met. They're so on top of things,"

JJ Coyne remarked. "It was like everything just fell into place, like Kismet, it was so amazing."

The co-owners reminisce about their own family memories at Dizzy D's and are excited to deliver that same experience to their community.

"Our kids always wanted the chicken strips and fries and the 'tooty fruity' soft serve in a bowl. Every time we had to get it," Jeanetta Coyne said.

JJ Coyne added, "Having a little family walk up to get a bunch of ice cream cones, it's fun. It doesn't even feel like a job at that point, it just feels like you're sharing in everybody's joy."

They learned about this opportunity through their daughter, Kiara Sundstrom, who is a real estate agent in the area.

JJ has had decades of restaurant industry experience, but states that he has learned tremendously from his wife Jeanetta as they learn the business together.

"This is our first time as business owners, so it was quite an adventure to go through and find



PHOTO BY MEGAN SOKOL

Dizzy D's co-owners Jeanetta and JJ Coyne.

out everything you need to do," Jeanetta Coyne said.

They will keep Dizzy D classics like the cookie salad, a twist on the classic ambrosia salad that contains fudge stripe cookies, vanilla pudding, whip cream, and a cocktail fruit salad, and the former owner's famous sloppy joes. They also hope to keep prices the same or as close to the price as is.

"We're just going to stay on our toes and just really watch prices. We want to keep it fair for people that come here because everybody's feeling the crunch of this," Jeanetta explained.

Some changes they do wish to implement are new dessert additions along with minor splashes of modernization, along with changing the organizational structure

to better suit their operation style.

The Coyne family would like to give recognition for their daughter Kiara Sundstrom and her husband Justin Sundstrom, Morgan Burts and Austin Burts, and their teenage son Macen. They also hope to make the restaurant a place for their son to grow and gain some workplace experience.

Barrett gift provides Speaking and Listening Skills courses at WVC



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Ford & Marlys Barrett

Submitted by Holly Thorpe,
Wenatchee Valley College

Ford Barrett, in memory of his wife Marlys, made an initial investment of \$30,000 to provide Speaking and Listening Skills courses as part of the Wenatchee Valley College Transitional Studies program.

The WVC Transitional Studies program offers adult basic education classes, including five levels of English for native and non-native English speakers. The classes are designed to improve reading, writing, speaking, listening and grammar. A recent self-evaluation for the department found that students needed the most help with speaking and listening skills.

"These skills are the areas identified by nearly all of our students as their main point of struggle," said Riva Morgan, associate dean of transitional studies and workforce grants.

"Speaking and listening skills also require the most time and practice when learning a second language."

The skills courses began spring quarter. They are offered as supplemental classes for students to practice the speaking and listening skills that they learn in their core English Language Arts classes. The goal is to provide students with more opportunities to practice their skills, build confidence, progress through classes in fewer quarters, and reach college and career readiness more quickly.

Ford Barrett made the gift in memory and honor of his wife, Marlys, who passed away in

August 2021. Marlys was an English educator at WVC and understood how crucial literacy was for students. She demonstrated support beyond the classroom and formal learning by providing personal speaking and listening practice for students. Marlys was also a founding creator of the Hispanic orchard employee education program (HOEEP) at WVC.

Marlys saw a strong relationship between a person's skill and comfort in reading and speaking in English with their ability to complete academic programs," said Barrett.

"Encouraging literacy was an extremely important step to ensure student success."

To learn more about the WVC foundation or to make a gift, visit wvc.edu/Give.

The WVC Foundation was incorporated in 1971. The foundation's mission is to provide equitable access to education and invest in student success through philanthropy. For information on how to make a gift to the foundation, establish a scholarship or include the WVC Foundation in your estate plans, contact (509) 682-6410. Visit the WVC Foundation website at <http://www.wvc.edu/foundation>.

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New executive chef brings international expertise to Siren Song Estate Winery tasting room

Submitted by Madison Ford,
Columbia Hospitality

CHELAN – Siren Song Winery and Restaurant is excited to announce the addition of Executive Chef Matthew Mohler; who will oversee culinary operations, menu development, and execution for the property's onsite restaurant and winery. With more than 26 years of experience in the industry, Mohler brings a continued commitment to creating sharable cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. The restaurant is operated and managed

by Columbia Hospitality. "We are delighted to welcome Chef Matthew to the Siren Song culinary team," said Siren Song co-owner, Holly Brown. "His creative talent and global experience as a chef connects beautifully with Siren Song's European-inspired menu", Brown

added. "His artisan craftsmanship will add unique and exciting dishes, as well as food and wine pairing programs for our guests and wine club members", Brown concluded. Mohler grew up in a small Indiana farming community and was inspired by his family's love of cooking and the farm-to-table culture they embraced. At 17 years old, Mohler got his first taste of the food and beverage industry in the prep kitchen at the local country club, igniting his passion for crafting locally sourced food. Mohler earned a culinary degree from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and a diploma from the International Sommelier Guild.

Working under acclaimed Chef Yannick Cam at Le Paradou in Washington, D.C., Mohler developed an appreciation for the subtle tastes that make a dish stand out as well as the impact of artful presentation. He also served as sommelier and dining manager at the high-powered Chevy Chase Club, where he developed the club's extensive wine list featuring many local, boutique and exclusive winemakers. Mohler served as Chef de Cuisine at the Hyatt Regency Sochi in Russia during the 2014 Winter Olympics and spearheaded the

opening of Formula One Circuit. Upon moving back to the States, Mohler served as the Executive Chef of the only Relias Chateaux property in Florida. Mohler stated, "I am thrilled and honored to be leading the culinary vision at Siren Song, crafting world-renowned

recipes that impress, inspire, and bring people together in the heart of Lake Chelan." Siren Song offers a variety of European-style menu items, artisan pizzas, food and wine pairings, and hand-crafted desserts to enjoy along with wine tasting. All made in-house, from scratch daily.

About Siren Song: Owned by Kevin and Holly Brown, The Siren Song Winery sits above Lake Chelan. Named after the mythical sirens' song and their irresistible calling, The Siren Song Winery is where guests create their own experiences with food, wine and travel. For more information, visit <https://www.sirensongwines.com/our-story>.



Matthew Mohler

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- Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce – 5 years



- Laura Mounter Real Estate & Co. – 22 years
- Libke Insurance Associates, Inc. – 16 years
- Smithson Insurance Services, Inc. – 1 year
- Wessman Construction, LLC – 9 years
- Wok About Grill – 15 years

BNCW Chairman's Corner

What a great place we live, here in North Central Washington. We are blessed to be surrounded by nature at its best. I've done some traveling in my lifetime and in my opinion, nothing compares to the beauty of our region.

We're somewhat isolated from the rest of the state, not having an interstate that runs through or near town. This can sometimes create problems with delivery delays and product

availability. It can make the internet an attractive tool when it comes to shopping. How great is it, when you can point, click and then like magic, your goods appear on your doorstep or at your place of business?

Our local businesses depend on the community for survival, if we're not buying their goods and services, who is? That's why before I point, click and order, I ask myself can I get this locally? I would encourage you to do the same, in turn helping local businesses. As an organization we promote doing business, member to member, before looking for other sources.

Please look for products and services first, from our Building North

Central Washington member businesses. If you can't find what you're looking for within our membership, please try to keep your business local to North Central Washington and help stimulate our local economy.



Ed Gardner
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Lawrence “Lee” Shepherd
CEO, BNCW

What’s New From Our CEO

BNCW Members,

Three quick things this month. The success of our Scratch & Dent, Sponsorships available for our annual Golf Tournament and the PAC endorsement of Shon Smith (R) for Chelan County Commissioner.

Huge thank you to Habitat for Humanity, Community Glass, and all the Members that supported the 1st Annual Building for Tomorrow and Habitat for Humanity Scratch & Dent.

We surpassed our organizational goals and look forward to conducting it again next year, or maybe late summer. Most of all the proceeds will go toward our growing scholarship fund for the trades.

The theme for the BNCW Golf Tournament is BRAVEHEART!!

The tournament is the 10th of June and though all 36 team spots are filled, there are many sponsorship opportunities for all marketing budgets. See you there in a kilt yelling “FREEDOM”!

NEWS FLASH!! I am happy to announce that our Political Action Committee (PAC)

and PAC Members have endorsed Shon Smith (R) for Chelan County Commissioner.

He is specifically running as a Republican for the Chelan Board of County Commissioners District #2 position. This position is critical for Builders and all small businesses in Chelan County.

As a business owner, he will support you with a strong belief in personal property rights and limited Government. He said it best when he stated’ “We are open for Business! Without sacrificing our rights or our eastern Washington identity.”

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

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



First Annual Scratch & Dent Sale!
Thank you Everyone for Your Participation!

Nothing But Networking
.....Grow Your Business Face-to-Face

Nothing But Networking 2022!
Thursday: May 19th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Your Host for the Evening:

Join us for an evening of Networking, Food & Fun at Precision Waterjet!



Fabulous Food will be Catered, and Many Friendly Faces will be There! Mark your Calendars!

Don’t Miss Out! There will be Raffle Prizes and as always this event is FREE!

207 S. Columbia St., Wenatchee

Complete form and email back to Danielle@BuildingNCW.org.

Company _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

Please RSVP by Monday, May 16th

This assists our hosts in preparing for the event.

Call 293-5840 to RSVP or scan and email this back to Danielle@BuildingNCW.org We look forward to seeing you there!



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 office, 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 candidate for the 2022 Primary Election is:
Chelan Co. Commissioner District #2
• Shon Smith

Sponsored by: WSBC, PO Box 3556, Wenatchee WA 98807

Need a Meeting Room?



As a valued BNCW member company, you’re welcome to utilize the BNCW conference room if you require a place to meet with clients or prospective clients. The room will seat up to 16 people comfortably.
Please contact Kim Fenner at (509) 293-5840 to make the necessary arrangements.



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Searching for culinary experts!

Do you fancy the finest in culinary arts?

We are searching for some of the valley’s finest culinary experts to be featured in this year’s BNCW Chefs on Tour event!

This event is an EXCLUSIVE feature of the BNCW and Banner Bank Home Tour and Remodeling Expo.

This will be the 9th Annual Chefs on Tour in which we will be featuring up to five of the finest chefs in a head-to-head competition to see who will be voted Best Chef for 2022!

BNCW Chefs on Tour this year will be held on Thursday, Septem-

ber 15th. Each chef will be paired with a Tour Builder and a local Columbia Distributing beverage provider!

Being a featured chef is an excellent opportunity to showcase your fabulous cuisine to an exclusive audience that will sample it for themselves!

We will only be accepting the first five chefs that apply!

So don’t delay – If you would like to have your hat thrown in for an opportunity to be selected, all you need to do is call Building North Central Washington for more details at 509-293-5840.

Don’t hesitate, call now!



Thinking About Participating in the 2022 Banner Bank and BNCW Home Tour & Remodeling Expo?

Each year, the Home Tour & Remodeling Expo draws thousands of people out to enjoy touring through beautiful homes and getting some one-on-one time with the builders and other professionals! As a builder, this is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to showcase your work to interested people.

If you’ve not participated in the Tour & Remodeling Expo before, but have wanted to consider doing so, now’s the time to begin giving it serious thought.

Are you building a custom home? Completing a full-house

remodeling project? Not sure if the homeowners would want to have their home in the Tour?

Featuring a home in this well-known event can also add value to the home if it is later put on the market.

Attendees to the Tour are more likely to be serious buyers that are looking to buy, build or remodel. This means you gain access to the perfect target audience. They look at details and have the opportunity to ask the builder questions, get information on the latest and greatest features in new homes. When someone is

planning a project, they want to meet the person they will be entrusting their dreams with. This is their chance to interview the builders and remodelers and find the perfect one for their project.

If you would like to have one of your homes featured in the Home Tour & Remodeling Expo, or for more information about how you can expose your remodeling-related company in this keystone event, please call the BNCW office at 509-293-5840 and speak with Danielle Martin, Membership and Events Coordinator!





September 16th, 17th & 18th
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The Right Choice for
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Health Insurance solutions
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Our members say one of their largest expenses is Health Insurance.
-We've heard you loud and clear.

One of the goals of Building North Central Washington is to help our members save money. That is why we are announcing our preferred provider, **Mitchell, Reed & Schmitten Insurance**.

Mitchell, Reed & Schmitten Insurance will provide the BNCW members with the lowest health insurance quotes available from health insurance carriers all over the state such as Regence Blue Shield, Premera Blue Cross, Asuris NW Health, LifeWise, United Healthcare, Cigna, Aetna, HealthNet, Kaiser, Assurant Health, Ambetter, UNUM, Aflac, and more.

Building North Central Washington members will receive a customized proposal that is simple and easy to understand, with side-by-side comparisons of the most competitive health rates in Washington State.

Plus, members will receive one-on-one customer service from a licensed agent to assist with questions, enrollment, and claims issues – saving our members time and money.

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BNCW EVENTS

BNCW's May Board of Directors Meeting

■ **Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

7:00am to 9:00am

at Building North Central Washington
2201 N. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee

Chairman: Ed Gardner

The Board of Directors is the policy-making body of the Association and is responsible for the business affairs of the Corporation according to BNCW's bylaws.

Our Directors meet the third Wednesday of each Month in the boardroom of the BNCW offices.

These meetings begin at 7:00am and are open to any BNCW member to attend. If you wish to contact any of the officers or directors, please visit the BNCW website for their contact information.

BNCW's May CPR & First Aid Training

■ **May 17, 2022** from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Held at Building North Central Washington,
2201 N. Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee

Class size is limited to 16 people.

\$49/person, includes Continuing Ed credits and is good for new and recertification.

Call BNCW at (509) 293-5840 to Register!

Were you aware that as an employer, unless you are able to get an injured employee to medical care within 3-4 minutes, you are required to have trained and equipped employees? This two-hour class will provide attendees with their certification.

Our instructor — George Templeton — puts on a great class that is enjoyable and informative, too.

Pre-registration Required. Seats are limited to 16 and fill-up quickly, so reserve your spots early!

You may also register online at BuildingNCW.org.



BNCW membership minute

When Conversation Loses Steam

Broaching a big or small group can be intimidating, but with the right approach you can easily join an existing conversation. BUT what happens when the conversation stalls?

Often, when we meet someone and exchange our name, company, title and where we grew up it only takes three minutes. Then we smile, look at the ground and say something like, "How about the weather?" Smooth.

When the small talk is done, it is easy for the conversation to lull.

A tip is to make them the topic of the conversation.

A genuine, "Tell me about that..." a casual cue for the person to continue talking.

You might be thinking, how can I make connection if we just talk about them the whole time?

Showing a genuine interest in another person can say more about you than talking about yourself can.

Besides, if a person isn't reciprocating the behavior and encouraging you to tell them about yourself afterward, they probably weren't a valuable connection to begin with!

Next time you are headed to an awkward silence, ask for them to elaborate and you will find talking points you

will be able to expand on and run with.

Danielle Martin
BNCW Membership & Events Coordinator



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New Business Licenses

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Lone Pine Custom Construction	Shane LouisMarkel
4639 Number 2 Canyon Road	New Single-Family Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)
Hair By Kaylee LLC	Beauty Salons
1930 Valley View Boulevard	
Esperanza Realizada	Esperanza Salgado Morales
401 S Kentucky AveSPC 34	Janitorial Services
Columbia Connection LLC	New Single-Family Housing Construction
4335 Canyon View PL	(except For-Sale Builders), Residential Remodelers
MJBCJohnson, LLC	Landscaping Services, Other Accounting Services
3920 Jim Smith Road	
CW Autos Sales, LLC	New Car Dealers
1021 Amherst Avenue	
Agape Construction LLC	Siding Contractors
1800 Sunset Highway Unit 36	
Woolley Creative LLC	Marketing Consulting Services
1520 Millerdale Avenue	

EAST WENATCHEE

Gray Fox Builders LLC	New Single-Family Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)
1403 N Aurora Avenue	
Craig A. Daniels	Craig A. Daniels
1501 NW Webster Park TER	General Freight Trucking, Long-Distance, Truckload
To the Moon Creations LLC	All Other Consumer Goods Rental, All Other
1601 8th SE	Personal Services
Apple Valley Pool Construction LLC	New Single-Family Housing Construction
1807 Glen Street NE	(except For-Sale Builders), Site Preparation Contractors
Ground Truth Farms LLC	All Other Miscellaneous Crop Farming
Palisades Road OFC	
Spillboard	Robert Christopher Wells
351 19th Street NE Apt. 10	All Other General Merchandise Stores
Isy's General Contracting LLC	New Single-Family
103 Pecilla Lane Bager MT	Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)
NCW Osorio Roofing LLC	Roofing Contractors
2500 State Highway 28 S Unit 95	

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MARKETING 101

Why good branding sets you apart from your competitors?

By Jennifer Bushong

Branding in business is more important than ever before. The heightened digital communications expose consumers to new brand messages daily. The competition is fierce as viewers are inundated with more choices, making it harder to gain new customers. Many believe branding is a logo and the business name. Branding goes beyond a logo, mark, or statement, it evokes the feeling behind the message.

But really, what is branding?

There seems to be a lot of ambiguity around the notion of branding.

The American Marketing Association states, "a brand is a name, term, design, symbol, or any other feature that identifies one seller's good or service as distinct from those of other sellers."

In essence, branding can be something that people can trust and believe in when it meets their expectations. According to Marty Neumeier overview in "The Brand Gap", refers to branding as "a person's gut feeling about a product, service, or company".

Branding is the feeling about a company that evokes recognition, support and ownership. A brand is an experience for everyone about a product or service. So, why is it critical to brand in business?

1. Excellent branding increases business

Like an outstanding reputation, branding helps drive customer eye-balls to your advertising. Consumers trust the brand, learn from it, and believe the brand will fulfill their goals.

The value meets expectations. Not only will customers believe in the brand, but employees will feel a



Jennifer Bushong

stronger sense of pride and ownership with excellent branding.

2. Creates trust in today's multi-media world

Relationships are built on trust. Customers can relate to the human side, meaning a great story about your brand will spear positive emotions and understanding.

The business brand is more than monetary value, it's about the people, employees, stakeholders and consumers that help build the brand. The more trust in the brand, the more consumers will seek out

the brand across multi channels and mediums.

3. Great brands breakthrough the clutter

Advertising your brand will help maintain customers, retain employees and gain new consumers.

A colorful, unique, and inspiring brand will stand out and entice consumers to read more about the product or service.

Branding is essential when trying to generate business.

Customers will feel good about the brand, which will equate to the reputation of the company. A great brand will have no problem gaining new customers or referrals.

A business with strong branding will create an edge over the competition.

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Washington's newest community forest established at Nason Ridge

State Community Forest Program and the remainder from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Chelan PUD Tributary Fund, the Grant PUD Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee, the Washington Department of Ecology, private foundations and others.

Once the \$3 million was approved by the Washington State Legislature, a new future was locked in for the property: The Nason Ridge Community Forest.

"Thanks to the inspiration, leadership and commitment of the local community, the Nason Ridge Community Forest is now a reality," said Nelson Mathews, vice president of WRC. "Nason Ridge is a shining example of what a community forest can be. It's rooted in the community and a place where people can hike and ski, where salmon and steelhead can spawn in clean, cool water, and where the forest will be managed to meet the needs of

fish, wildlife and people alike."

The project builds on the momentum of a robust and successful restoration effort on Nason Creek and the Wenatchee River, where millions of dollars have been invested to restore and improve habitat for salmon and steelhead. Nason Creek provides habitat for eight cold-water fish species, including spring Chinook, summer steelhead, bull trout, sockeye, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout and mountain whitefish.

Now that WRC has conveyed the property to Chelan County, the county can start an exciting new chapter for Nason Ridge, ensuring the forest will be prioritized for fish, wildlife, and sustainable forestry, while working with Washington State Parks to ensure recreational access.

"Keeping this property intact for the sake of a healthy, maturing forest will have immeasurable benefits that

will reverberate throughout the community," said Chelan County Commissioner Bob Bugert. "We're proud to have worked with Western Rivers Conservancy and Chelan-Douglas Land Trust to become the steward of this new community forest, which will no doubt serve as a model for others like it across the state."

This effort was made possible by the Washington State Community Forest Program, the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Chelan County PUD's Tributary Fund, Grant County PUD's Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee, and the Washington Department of Ecology. Over \$1 million was raised through private contributions from local community members.

The James M. Lea Foundation, The Conservation Alliance, Horizons Foundation, Washington Fly Fishing Club and Olympic Fly Fishers of Edmunds all contributed to this effort. Support for the Nason Ridge Community Forest was also provided by the Columbia River Fund, a grantmaking fund created by Columbia Riverkeeper and administered by the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment.

REAL ESTATE

TOP PROPERTIES – CHELAN COUNTY March 2022

Buyer	Seller	Market Price	Sale Price	Street	City
618 WOODIN LLC	RSW VENTURES LLC	\$318,549	\$3,350,000	616 WOODIN AVE	CHELAN
EAGLE CREEK CAMP LLC	NARROW GATE HOLDINGS LLC	\$375,000	\$2,970,000	9304 LEAVENWORTH RD	LEAVENWORTH
EAGLE CREEK CAMP LLC	NARROW GATE HOLDINGS LLC	\$868,874	\$2,970,000	9308 LEAVENWORTH RD	LEAVENWORTH
SMART SHAFER & TAYLOR	SANDINE BRANDON J & AMBER G	\$1,628,832	\$1,900,000	624 MAJESTIC VIEW DR	WENATCHEE
DIPRONIO MICHAEL & CONNIE	MAC GREGOR DAVID E & SHERRY A REV LIVING TRUST	\$68,608	\$1,575,000	5560 BIG SPRINGS RANCH RD	MALAGA
FARMER JEFFREY D & REGINA M	OGDEN JULI A & STEPHEN D	\$554,925	\$1,525,000	100 MALAGA ALCOA HWY	WENATCHEE
EDWIN & CHERRY FALLON TRUST	MEDINA VACATION RENTALS LLC	\$740,384	\$1,500,000	744 WAPATO WAY	MANSON
MITCHELL RYAN & CARI	DODSON JANE	\$962,630	\$1,150,000	415 CEDAR ST	LEAVENWORTH
VELLOTH DANIEL & KATHRYN ETAL	NOYES ELDON W REV LIV TRT	\$1,220,853	\$1,125,000	9390 N FORK RD	CASHMERE
CREEK HAUS LLC	PARTON BRIAN T	\$731,139	\$1,100,000	12591 PROWELL ST	LEAVENWORTH
MILES COLLECTIVE LLC	GILYARD COMPANY	\$486,167	\$1,000,000	101 RAILROAD AVE	CASHMERE
CAMBRIDGE JASON S & JENNIFER E	HOOVER ANDRIA & JASON	\$792,791	\$1,000,000	114 RUDY CIR	CHELAN
MILLER WILLIAM C JR & TARA M	PUGET SOUND QUALITY CONSTRUCTION INC	\$313,300	\$1,000,000	124 RUDY CIR	CHELAN
STEINER KATIE & KEVIN	BARCLAY BRIAN E & TODDI L ETAL	\$773,402	\$985,000	1055 RIDGE CREST DR	WENATCHEE
GARIBAY ARTURO V & FABIOLA	SOUVE ROGER & SHAUN	\$956,897	\$943,936	2710 NUMBER 1 CANYON RD	WENATCHEE
DAVIS CHAD J & JENNIFER J	GAMBRIELLE JEAN M	\$754,305	\$905,000	313 BUTTE RD	CHELAN
ZALUD PAUL & JULIANN	BARBARA F CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST	\$792,947	\$900,000	878 AUTUMN CREST DR	WENATCHEE
MARZOCCHI THERESE	WILLETT GAYLE S	\$619,055	\$857,500	441 LAURIE DR	WENATCHEE
ULRICH JONATHAN & CAMI	SMITH MICHAEL D & SHIRLEY	\$334,699	\$825,000	4380 MISSION CREEK RD	CASHMERE
HURT ROBERT M & LINDA J	MARIES CLAUDIU D & ALINA LIGIA MARIES	\$495,370	\$820,000	144 FAIR WAY	CHELAN
AVELAR ANGEL & AVELAR CARLOS	SCAMAN RICHARD L	\$275,009	\$800,000	1527 MAIDEN LN	WENATCHEE
SURMAN WALTER H & KRISTEL N	CRONIN JOHN P & BARBARA A	\$671,832	\$800,000	100 LAKE CHELAN SHORES DR	CHELAN
HORIZON EARTHWORKS LLC	JOHNSON J D	\$620,514	\$775,000	125 MAD RIVER RD	ARDENVOIR
SCHAAPMAN BENJAMIN & CANDICE	BATTIS DAVID E	\$414,813	\$750,000	11 BLOSSOM LN	WENATCHEE
CARMICHAEL ATHENA & WESTON	GALLETINE ALAN J & MARION	\$670,015	\$750,000	340 ALLISON ST	WENATCHEE
CHILDS RONALD N & CHRISTINE	WULF-FLEMING SHARON L	\$515,753	\$745,000	1537 SKYLINE DR	WENATCHEE
RABE TANNER M	HUGHES KEVIN M & JESSICA L	\$698,242	\$740,000	4923 BLAIR SLACK RD	MALAGA
MCCULLOCH KEVIN P & PLE-PLAKON ALISA M	KUNZ WILLIAM B & LINDSEY M	\$564,675	\$737,000	18619 RIECHE RD	LAKE WENATCHEE
NEWELL TRACY J & BRETT B	FORSYTH COLIN (S) & KENDALL JESSICA (S)	\$489,597	\$735,000	141 BENTON ST	LEAVENWORTH
SILVA JAMIE L & CHERYL L	AUGER RICHMON	\$89,700	\$719,500	UNASSIGNED	MANSON
SILVA JAMIE L & CHERYL L	AUGER RICHMON	\$636,416	\$719,500	87 GRADE CREEK RD	MANSON
BROMILEY LAURA M	RUMBOLZ RODNEY R	\$571,022	\$717,555	2401 SHAW RD	MALAGA
GEIERSBACH TRACEY	SIENNA 41 LLC	\$575,379	\$712,999	235 SIENNA RD	WENATCHEE
SIMPSON BOND S & JESSE R	SOWLE SCOTT & MARY	\$455,370	\$700,000	2308 LESTER RD	WENATCHEE
KPS CASHMERE CENTER LLC	HVERFIELD RODNEY A	\$288,043	\$700,000	342 SUNSET HWY	CASHMERE
MELINE SPENCER H & DEBORAH	LAK GEORGE L & TRINICE J	\$545,847	\$700,000	204 PATON ST	CASHMERE
DUSEK TRAVIS & QUINN	WILLS RUSSEL S & BRENDA J	\$580,528	\$695,000	3706 RED APPLE RD	CASHMERE
HAYS DAVID M & CHLOE S	ADAMS MICHAEL K & DEANNA L	\$564,290	\$695,000	401 SUNNY BROOKE LN	CHELAN
DONNELL SCOTT E & AMY E	BEEKSMA MARK & DIANE	\$471,250	\$687,500	104 SPADER BAY RD	CHELAN
BISHOP JONATHON L & JENNIFER M	TAYLOR JOSEPH Z	\$654,124	\$670,000	218 OHME GARDEN RD	WENATCHEE
ENG RICKY & MARIA	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$642,600	\$670,000	1341 DRAGONFLY CT	CHELAN
KELLY AARON P ETAL	KELLY AARON P	\$644,700	\$668,650	808 MILLER ST	WENATCHEE
WILDER CLARA S	ELSER JAMES M	\$421,097	\$661,000	128 CENTER ST	LEAVENWORTH
HUNTER NIGEL & JENNIFER N	DAVIS DEANE R & MIDDY A PHILLIPS	\$475,669	\$655,000	1919 OKANOGAN AVE	WENATCHEE
HESS LIESBET & SCOTT	RICKETTS MICHAEL & MELISSA	\$490,620	\$648,000	1642 KAYLA WAY	WENATCHEE
ZABEL ROBERT R & KJALLIN KAYLA	HOOK TREVOR D & TARA R	\$361,219	\$635,000	525 ALPINE PL	LEAVENWORTH
ARNETTE MICHAEL & KIMBERLY	JOHANSEN ALECIA	\$421,324	\$635,000	24316 SADDLE ST	PLAIN
WERNER CADERA & JANET L	BENCE BRETT G & ROBIN S	\$1,664,578	\$621,667	4210 LAKESHORE RD	CHELAN
PICKERING DAVID J & PICKERING RHONDA J	GARIBAY ARTURO & FAVIOLA	\$629,557	\$570,000	815 HIGHLAND DR	WENATCHEE
WATKINS ALEXANDRA M & CLAYTON C	D & T CAMPBELL INVESTMENTS LLC	\$156,000	\$565,000	14 JONAGOLD LN	MANSON
JONES DESIREE	CARDOSO DE OLIVEIRA ANTONIO C	\$354,906	\$555,000	1905 LEAVENWORTH PL	WENATCHEE
LANG ALAN & LANG-COX CHRISTINE	ROWE CYNTHIA L	\$550,330	\$555,000	2836 RIVIERA BLVD	MALAGA
EVERGREEN MONEYSOURCE MTG CO	KING ROGER E & TOLLEFSON HELEN	\$511,917	\$553,500	2410 JEFFREY CT	WENATCHEE
ROBINSON FAMILY VENTURE CAPITAL LLC	STEVENS JAMES E & ROSALIE	\$286,543	\$545,000	417 1ST ST	CHELAN
GIETZ EMILY & PREBEN	CURRY KENT M & MICHELLE R (JTROS)	\$240,884	\$542,500	113 EAST CENTER ST	CHELAN
SCHADE BONNIE & PHIPPS PETER	MORRISON PROPERTIES 2019 LLC	\$238,446	\$532,000	5907 PIONEER DR	CASHMERE
EDAGI FERNANDO K & GEERDINK GABRIELA M	BORESON KATY ETAL	\$290,809	\$529,175	21 ELLIOTT AVE	WENATCHEE
HOLM JUSTIN D	MEGLATHERY MICHAEL E	\$12,508	\$525,000	UNASSIGNED	LAKE WENATCHEE
HOMA JAMES M	BIEBER DAROLD H & CARLENE M TRTEES	\$358,556	\$520,000	1841 HERITAGE DR	WENATCHEE
WHITE CATHERINE & MONDAU LOUIS	MARCUSON JENNIFER D & MITCHELL D	\$393,942	\$520,000	573 SADDLE ROCK LOOP	WENATCHEE
GRIFFITH DEVON J & LAUREN E	SCHUMACK JOHN & CATHRYN	\$348,489	\$519,000	95 CANYON RANCH RD	MANSON
SUMMERS BRAD & HEIDI FAMILY TRUST	HOLMBERG LINDY	\$422,649	\$510,000	105 VINEYARD LN	CHELAN

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TOP PROPERTIES DOUGLAS March 2022

RESIDENTIAL	
Sale Price	Street
\$1,135,000	5627 4TH ST SE
\$1,125,000	1345 N DEVON AVE #1
\$975,000	3015 NW CASCADE AVE
\$930,000	29 SYRAH LN
\$876,200	3031 NW DELCON DR
\$835,000	425 MCNEIL CANYON RD
\$835,000	3426 KNOB HILL DR
\$785,000	593 EASTMONT AVE
\$785,000	595 EASTMONT AVE
\$735,000	15920 BADGER MOUNTAIN RD
\$710,000	2280 SUNRISE PL
\$695,000	2637 7TH ST SE
\$660,000	4534 SE COLOCKUM VIEW DR
\$650,000	906 4TH ST SE
\$635,000	1953 LEGENDARY LN SE
\$624,500	1987 PEACH HAVEN CT
\$605,000	4560 SE COLOCKUM VIEW DR
\$530,000	231 21ST ST NW
\$525,000	2395 PRAIRIE DR
\$500,000	1494 EASTMONT AVE #45
\$500,000	181 ROCK ISLAND RD
\$495,000	2604 SEMOLINA LOOP
\$465,000	1975 GRANT RD
\$450,000	1451 N DEVON AVE
\$429,000	3970 NE VISTA DEL REY DR
\$429,000	3970 NE VISTA DEL REY DR
\$425,000	417 S KANSAS LOOP
\$425,000	514 E LOCUST ST
\$415,900	1391 THEO WAY
\$400,000	124 N JAMES AVE
\$400,000	140 N JAMES AVE
\$400,000	602 DESERT CANYON PKWY
\$395,000	2 23RD ST NE
\$390,000	1385 THEO WAY
\$385,000	103 N GARDEN AVE
\$383,000	4077 BLUECREST DR
\$370,000	1250 6TH PL NE
\$350,000	105 N GARDEN AVE
\$342,000	368 4TH ST NE
\$334,900	2328 SE MARLETTE RD
\$325,000	272 N IOWA AVE
\$292,605	1108 2ND ST SE
\$240,000	3405 NW CASCADE AVE
\$225,000	21 21ST ST NW
\$220,000	217 E POPLAR ST
\$209,398	953 TEDFORD ST SE
\$160,000	4534 SE COLOCKUM VIEW DR
\$160,000	105 W BIRCH ST
\$160,000	4560 SE COLOCKUM VIEW DR
\$105,000	2328 SE MARLETTE RD
\$88,136	25 CAMBRIDGE AVE
\$60,000	211 PACE DR SP 11
\$40,000	1264 S UNION AVE
\$25,000	775 COLOMA PL
\$8,000	10025 W COYOTE TRL
\$7,000	TYEE VIEW LOOP
\$5,000	2400 TACOMA AVE SP 15
\$1,500	2400 NEW PENFOLD CT

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Buyer	Seller	Market Price	Sale Price	Street	City
ARTHUR HENRY INVESTMENTS LLC	QUINNCONN LLC	\$498,933	\$502,500	606 CHELAN AVE	WENATCHEE
DALGAS GEOFFREY C & JENNIFER L	SELECT HOMES INC	\$313,300	\$500,000	213 VIEWLAND WAY	CHELAN
MAYWOOD APARTMENTS LLC	POE JAMIE & AMY	\$270,394	\$495,000	128 STAFFORD ST	LEAVENWORTH
DENNISON ETHAN & JULIA	GENGLER SEAN & MONICA	\$423,190	\$490,000	1715 5TH ST	WENATCHEE
HOHNSTEIN SHANE G	SELECT HOMES INC	\$313,300	\$485,000	202 EASTON WAY	CHELAN
BLAIR TONYA	ABEL ELIZABETH J & BRABANT DALLAS P	\$480,017	\$484,000	9972 SASKA WAY	ENTIAT
BIGLEMAN WILLIAM & SUZANNE	GIBSON MICHAEL & MARY	\$346,312	\$477,500	922 SUNRISE DR	MANSON
OLIVER DAVID R & WAHTO GABRIELLE R	KLOSSNER DANIEL H	\$350,810	\$475,000	205 WEST ST	LEAVENWORTH
HILDEBRAND ALEX C & NICHOLE	COZART ARIANNA	\$470,976	\$474,000	2057 SILVER LN	WENATCHEE
LIENEMANN SCOTT	LIENEMANN STACEY J & SKALISKY KC S	\$442,374	\$470,800	2139 CITATION LOOP	WENATCHEE
KENNEDY JESSICA L & MAESTAS MATTHEW R	CHAMBERS TYLER W	\$277,040	\$468,000	1837 KRISTINA LN	WENATCHEE
WHEELER DAKOTA J	FAULKNER LISA C & JEFFREY D GASTON	\$217,626	\$460,000	905 WHEELER HILL RD	WENATCHEE
SCHULFER HANS M	DROLLMAN MICHAEL E & TERESA M	\$309,854	\$452,000	1011 ELLIOTT AVE	WENATCHEE
DODSON ZACHARY R & BROOKE E	VENEGAS MELISSA & HORACIO VENEGAS GARCIA	\$268,821	\$450,000	117 ALLEN AVE	CHELAN
STUIT HAILEY C & LAYFIELD CALEB H	HENDERSON HIGHLANDS INC	\$175,209	\$450,000	1876 UNION VALLEY RD	CHELAN
BERSENADZE DAVID & LIPARTELLANI LALI	MARRS MARGARET E	\$398,463	\$450,000	1216 GOSSMAN LN	WENATCHEE
CALABRIA HERMANN	ISERI MATT & SHAUNA	\$361,067	\$449,000	20795 KAHLER DR	LAKE WENATCHEE
KAVALOK BLAKE A & ELAINE C	FIX BRANDON & TARREN	\$203,072	\$446,000	561 HIDDEN LN	CHELAN
KNM DESIGN LLC	KOSSIAN ED & BECKEL GREG	\$132,000	\$440,000	UNASSIGNED	WENATCHEE
COFFIN DOMINIQUE & ASHLEY	WEST BRANDON W	\$295,950	\$440,000	8554 ORCHARD ST	PESHASTIN
MTNS LLC	TAYLOR ORCHARDS LLC	\$104,400	\$435,000	15006 ALLISON PL	ENTIAT
FRAKER TODD A & TANYA E	SAGE HOMES LLC	\$309,819	\$432,900	30 EMMA DR	WENATCHEE
GRIFFIN BUGERT CAROLYN & BUGERT ROBERT ETAL	BUER GRO A	\$351,620	\$430,000	223 EVANS ST	LEAVENWORTH
MONROE ANNE M & HERNDON ANJIN	SMITH JAYME	\$206,290	\$425,000	5911 LARSON ST	CASHMERE
IVORY GARY R & BRIAR R	LESTER VERNON L	\$175,021	\$425,000	140 WASHINGTON CREEK RD	CHELAN
MORRISON RANDY C & KAREN K	DANKE WILLIAM E MD & SANDRA L	\$302,250	\$425,000	2350 SUMMIT BLVD	MANSON
DOGGETT RICHARD C & VICKI L	SAGE HILLS PROPERTY LLC	\$296,159	\$424,900	56 EMMA DR	WENATCHEE
VIOLETTE JOSEPH S & AMANDA M	MIDDLETON-DILLS CODY	\$327,079	\$423,000	3117 BERMUDA ST	MALAGA
LEWELLEN BYRON M ETAL	APRO TROY & KRISTAN	\$405,203	\$415,000	2217 PROSPECT ST	CHELAN
CARLSON CHRISTINA L	REYNOLDS AUSTIN & AUBREY	\$261,992	\$405,500	10989 WENDING LN	LAKE WENATCHEE
CALNON ELLEN A & OLSEN REGINALD W II	ANDERSON MILTON J & JANET L	\$284,384	\$404,900	325 DIVISION ST	LEAVENWORTH
DIGITAL TRUST	VORWERK LEE A & ANGELITA C	\$135,000	\$400,000	2870 MANSON BLVD	MANSON
FRAY TARA L	MARETTE NICHOLAS C & PATRICIA A RODGERS-MARETTE	\$305,102	\$400,000	948 SUNRISE DR	MANSON
HOME DOCTOR INC	ANDERSON HELEN M	\$342,849	\$400,000	3800 MALAGA RD	MALAGA
KIRKER WILLIAM C	ELAM JOHN E	\$303,625	\$395,000	1602 BRITINI DR	WENATCHEE
WHITE DARRYL & HOPE	REISTER CLIFF	\$289,925	\$395,000	1545 ANGELA ST	WENATCHEE
STENDERA JOSHUA A & JENNIFER	BOYD CASCADE INC	\$293,657	\$390,000	UNASSIGNED	WENATCHEE
KLUMPER PAUL W & ELISABETH A	EKSTEN RON	\$284,305	\$385,000	17490 CHUMSTICK HWY	LEAVENWORTH
HERNANDEZ PROPERTIES LLC	RUBALCAVA IDOLINA CALVILLO ETAL	\$257,349	\$385,000	529 METHOW ST	WENATCHEE
NAVAS CHRISTOPHER & MC KINNEY ANDREA	MILLER WILLIAM C & TARA M	\$410,971	\$385,000	302 HIGHPOINT LN	CHELAN
MALDONADO ALEJANDRO ETAL	AGUILAR AL & DEBORAH	\$160,253	\$380,000	147 CARLSON LOOP	WENATCHEE
KINGMAN ROBERT D & WATTS KAREN N	SHELTON MATTHEW D & CHRISTIE M	\$230,558	\$367,100	210 FRANKLIN ST	CHELAN
OSBORN JENNIFER & KLOTH ED	AVELAR CARLOS	\$240,452	\$365,000	418 METHOW ST	WENATCHEE
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC	DELANEY KYLE R	\$382,169	\$358,203	108 CLEVELAND AVE	WENATCHEE
PEREZ GIL JUAN & DE LOS ANGELES MARIA	WAUNCH FRED A TRT	\$441,361	\$350,000	3925 SELFS MOTEL RD	CASHMERE
MASTERS JOHN & RENIA K	TAYLOR FAMILY TRUST	\$165,235	\$350,000	317 WAPATO AVE	CHELAN
RYAN BEVERLY	BARROS JORDANNE V ETAL	\$230,864	\$350,000	10 COVE AVE	WENATCHEE
CISNEROS JESUS & CANDELARIA	COWELL GREGORY S & JODI R	\$77,023	\$350,000	68 MACKENZIE WAY	CHELAN
CISNEROS JESUS & CANDELARIA	COWELL GREGORY S & JODI R	\$73,478	\$350,000	110 MACKENZIE WAY	CHELAN
LEHRMAN KELSI & MIDDLETON JORDAN	NELSON NORMAN D & DAWNA P	\$238,634	\$345,000	123 FULLER ST	WENATCHEE
CLEMENTSON CHARLIZE	YOUNG BEVERLY J	\$186,000	\$340,000	UNASSIGNED	MANSON
FOULK ANDREW & PRATT KIRBY	BECRAFT DANIEL & ERIN	\$580,971	\$337,370	9876 MOUNTAIN HOME RD	LEAVENWORTH
GARIBAY CHRISTOPHER & BRENDA Y	MENDEZ MARY P	\$207,773	\$335,000	1026 CHERRY ST	WENATCHEE
KENNEDY MARY	PIERCE CLINTON	\$313,657	\$325,000	3760 HAMLIN RD	MALAGA
RAHMANI ARIANA & BRISENO VICTORIA	HALEY MARGARET D	\$273,025	\$325,000	720 SPOKANE ST	WENATCHEE
FREGOZO JUAN & ANGELIQUE	MC CUNE WENDY J	\$347,690	\$325,000	4245 PENDLETON CT	MALAGA
FREE HAZEN L	SUTHERLIN ANNA	\$312,241	\$320,000	2091 SLEEPY HOLLOW RD	MONITOR
GONZALEZ VASQUEZ OFELIA & RAMOS OSCAR A	NEUMANN GARY	\$216,552	\$316,000	1125 8TH ST	WENATCHEE
FULLER JOSHUA I & HOOLEY JESSICA	BOERSEMA JOHN J & TAMIE K	\$389,128	\$315,000	501 PALOUSE ST	WENATCHEE
PECK SOPHIA M & BOBRYCKI LUKE A	BOERSEMA JOHN J & TAMIE K	\$389,128	\$310,000	2 CLEVELAND AVE	WENATCHEE
FULLER GEORGE C & DIANE L	STRUTZEL MICHAEL J	\$237,860	\$300,000	UNASSIGNED	CASHMERE
WEEMS WILLIAM E & BRANDI L	WEEMS RONALD & EVELYN	\$662,055	\$300,000	193 JUNIPER LN	MONITOR
WEEMS WILLIAM E & BRANDI L	WEEMS RONALD & EVELYN	\$662,055	\$300,000	193 JUNIPER LN	MONITOR
LYON TAMI L & DAVID A	MUELLER ERIK & MARGARET	\$134,688	\$300,000	17993 RIVER RD	PLAIN

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Sugar High	Christo-Jones Ventures
1993 Legendary LN SE	Confectionery and Nut Stores
J.A.I.S. Aquatic Solutions LLC	Other Services to Buildings and Dwellings
421 N Baker Avenue	
Pro Cleaning Gutter Maintenance LLC	Siding Contractors, Other Services
1047 Corum CIR	
Any Job Jake	Jacob TylerBrandenburg
1910 Eastmont Avenue	New Single-Family Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)
Command CPR	Patty S.Commandeur
2716 Westview DR N	All Other Miscellaneous Schools and Instruction
CASHMERE	
Jamane's Cleaning	Erika Ojeda Aguirre
9062 Deadman Hill Road	Janitorial Services
Mama's Daycare	Leticia Campos Infante
4731 Sells Road	Child Day Care Services
Saloman's Landscape	SalomonOrozco
105 Evergreen Drive Apt. 10	Landscape Architectural Services
Downtown Bike LLC	Other Personal and Household
5651 Sunset Highway	Goods Repair and Maintenance
Happy Camper Hammocks	Caitlin ErinO'Brien
5781 Sunset Highway	Independent Artists, Writers, and Performers
MS Crafting	Avila LopezElizabeth
5312 Pine Flats Loop Road	Gift, Novelty, and Souvenir Stores
Lemoine Bookkeeping	Jessica L.Lemoine
124 Pleasant Avenue	Other Accounting Services
LEAVENWORTH	
Ethic Contracting	Kijana Thomas Peterson
12251 Chumstick Highway	Logging
ACME Buffing and Waxing	Flooring Contractors
9791 Mountain Home Road	
Bavarian Walking Tours LLC	Tour Operators
321 9th Street	
CHELAN	
Chelan Youth Fastpitch	Civic and Social Organizations,
192 Cagle Gulch Road	Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers
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HANSON RICK & ROBERTA	BISHOP'S ORCHARDS INC	\$181,380	\$300,000	UNASSIGNED	CHELAN
COLLINGS JODENE	MANSON VIEW DEVELOPMENT LLC	\$187,674	\$300,000	BOETZKES AVE	MANSON
VOROBIEV VICTOR & IRINA	OFFERDAHL PATRICIA	\$168,360	\$299,900	UNASSIGNED	PLAIN
CADMAN BENJAMIN & KELLOGG LAUREN N	ECKERT CHRISTOPHER R	\$238,981	\$295,000	1826 ROCKLUND DR	WENATCHEE
SANDERS TERRY S JR & BROOKE R	LEONARDI JOSEPH & LISA	\$207,090	\$295,000	33 KAGE LN	MANSON
LYNN SEAN W & KARLYN K ETAL	PUTNUM PROPERTIES LLC	\$291,435	\$291,667	145 WHITMAN ST	LEAVENWORTH
WATTERS MICHAEL	JOHN ANGELINA	\$220,188	\$275,000	3019 MEMORY LN	LAKE WENATCHEE
ELSER JAMES & KAISER-ELSER JENNIFER	PEART HARRY D	\$333,679	\$275,000	1011 TYLER ST	WENATCHEE
KOHN ROBERT	LARSON RICHARD R & MARLENE R	\$279,000	\$270,000	14 KOHN DR	MANSON
HOMEFRONT LLC	TRAMP MARSHALL J	\$268,784	\$260,000	504 1ST ST	WENATCHEE
SOLORIO PRECIADO CARMELA & SOLORIO LUIS	TOVAR CORNELIO	\$251,558	\$260,000	3432 CASANDRA DR	WENATCHEE
GARCIA VALENTINA	ARROYO MANUEL	\$230,793	\$260,000	925 CHELAN AVE	WENATCHEE
FORTIN CASEY V & COURTNEY	SULLIVAN KEVIN ETAL	\$161,424	\$255,000	625 CEDAR ST	LEAVENWORTH
ISLAND DV LLC	FEHR BRADFORD E ETAL	\$215,514	\$250,000	707 PIERE ST	WENATCHEE
OLSON BEVERLEY A	FORD JOHN L JR	\$121,600	\$250,000	139 JOHN TRUETT DR	MALAGA
NORMANDEAU MEEGAN & ROBERT	GREATHOUSE ANTHONY B ETAL	\$212,993	\$240,000	609 WATSON LN	CHELAN
SMITH JAMES D	ZUCKER RONALD G & MARGIE D	\$147,049	\$230,000	214 MARR ST	WENATCHEE
SAMANIEGO BIANCA M & SAMANIEGO RUIZ ADRIAN A	ALAS DOUGLAS ETAL	\$158,215	\$225,000	362 BROAD AVE	WENATCHEE
MINDT JEFFREY L	SIMMONS JOHN A	\$173,507	\$225,000	4065 MALAGA RD	MALAGA
LOREEN CARL V C & TERESA R M	RODDICK STEVEN & DONNA	\$217,483	\$222,000	511 CEDAR ST	CHELAN
HOME DOCTOR INC	SSM FORTY INVESTMENT INC	\$77,159	\$220,000	W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN
MSC ML LLC	EBY DANIEL & SUSAN	\$201,252	\$215,000	940 US HWY 2	LEAVENWORTH
CAMPBELL CHRISTOPHER & ALYSSA	SMT DEVELOPMENT CO LLC	\$63,002	\$213,880	UNASSIGNED	CHELAN
BROMILEY LAURA M	RUMBOLZ RODNEY R	\$96,000	\$200,000	UNASSIGNED	MALAGA
RAINES PAM & CERVANTES NORMA JEAN	SEVEREID PHYLLIS	\$129,862	\$197,000	1306 GLACIER PL	WENATCHEE
BEAN LAWRENCE & STEPHANIE	SMT DEVELOPMENT CO LLC	\$58,751	\$181,440	UNASSIGNED	CHELAN
GAMBLE MINDY & MIKE	GBS LAKE HILLS LLC	\$275,000	\$175,000	102 BIRDIE DR	CHELAN
MANGAS ELLIOTT M	MANGAS MICHAEL J & TAMARA S	\$127,301	\$171,750	5288 PINE FLATS LOOP RD	DRYDEN
HAWLEY KATHLEEN W	TRAVIS MARTHA MAE	\$79,010	\$169,000	611 WESTERN AVE	WENATCHEE
RIEDEL JACOB P & CLIFT CATHERINE E	MC LAUGHLIN CONSTRUCTION REMODEL & DESIGN LLC	\$139,100	\$165,000	2053 BROADCREST CT	WENATCHEE
KELLY LEONE E	SAMUEL DILLION & THOMPSON MORGEN	\$59,471	\$160,000	7900 STINE HILL RD	CASHMERE
SCHILE ARTHUR J & HOANG MARIE	SCHILE ARTHUR J	\$660,921	\$153,076	16828 LAKEVIEW DR	LAKE WENATCHEE
BROOME GEORGE L & SARA	SSM FORTY INVESTMENT INC	\$124,500	\$139,950	W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN
SKREDSVIG BENJAMIN R & ANDREA L	FORD JOHN L JR	\$129,200	\$139,500	180 JOHN TRUETT DR	MALAGA
ALEXANDER RONALD & HEATHER	FORD JOHN L JR	\$129,200	\$139,500	76 TEX FORD DR	MALAGA
FRAKER TODD A & TANYA E	PHEASANT HILLS ESTATES LLC	\$309,819	\$135,000	30 EMMA DR	WENATCHEE
DOGGETT RICHARD C & VICKI L	PHEASANT HILLS ESTATES LLC	\$296,159	\$135,000	56 EMMA DR	WENATCHEE
WALTER JOSEPH W & DEANNA C	FORD JOHN L JR	\$129,200	\$135,000	172 JOHN TRUETT DR	MALAGA
UPFRONT CONSTRUCTION LLC	FORD JOHN L JR	\$129,200	\$135,000	164 JOHN TRUETT DR	MALAGA
MC LAUGHLIN BRYAN & MISTIE	FORD JOHN L JR	\$129,200	\$135,000	49 GOOD TERN LN	MALAGA
HAUGEN LORI B & WETLI BECKY M	FORD JOHN L JR	\$129,200	\$135,000	108 TEX FORD DR	MALAGA
UPFRONT CONSTRUCTION LLC	FORD JOHN L JR	\$121,600	\$128,000	155 JOHN TRUETT DR	MALAGA
UPFRONT CONSTRUCTION LLC	FORD JOHN L JR	\$121,600	\$128,000	163 JOHN TRUETT DR	MALAGA
SORENSEN GERRY R	SORENSEN LOUIS L	\$184,903	\$127,201	469 STAYMAN FLATS RD	CHELAN
LITTLE GREEN APPLES BASEBALL CLUB LLC	ALLEN FAMILY HOLDINGS LLC	\$109,519	\$120,000	610 MISSION ST	WENATCHEE
MARTINEZ MEDINA MARCO A & MARTINEZ LUCERO I	FORD JOHN L JR	\$129,200	\$110,000	196 JOHN TRUETT DR	MALAGA
SORENSEN LORI K	SORENSEN LEROY & VERA M	\$146,466	\$107,084	229 ARDEN RD	ARDENVOIR
GUERTIN IZAIHAH & BRITTANY	CYGNET LLC	\$88,800	\$105,000	1029 CREST LOOP	ENTIAT
LANGE CONSTRUCTION LLC	MTNS LLC	\$104,400	\$105,000	15010 ALLISON PL	ENTIAT
SORENSEN KELLY G & CARRIE	SORENSEN LOUIS L	\$160,788	\$97,117	2467 ENTIAT WAY	ENTIAT
CRAIG CONNOR & TRISHA	HARRIS ROBERT G & CATHERINE E	\$80,189	\$85,000	15375 COYOTE FALLS RD	ENTIAT
COOKSON JOLENE M & RILEY A	COLUMBIA VALLEY HOUSING ASSOCIATION	\$235,934	\$82,000	516 KITTITAS ST	WENATCHEE
DAHL DAVID R	SSM FORTY INVESTMENT INC	\$59,760	\$79,950	W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN
BEACH JOSEPH & JENNIFER	JONES TOD R	\$73,246	\$79,500	611 WESTERN AVE	WENATCHEE
COONROD DONN & ANDREA	HAGEN SANDRA S	\$38,400	\$78,120	UNASSIGNED	ENTIAT
BATSON STEPHEN M & KIM E	SUNSET MARINA LLC	\$59,760	\$75,950	W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN
HAGEN JOSEPH & SANDRA	COONROD DONN P	\$101,382	\$75,814	14559 VRADENBURG ST	ENTIAT
PHILIPPS ENTERPRISES INC	WIEGAND K DAVID	\$84,600	\$75,000	UNASSIGNED	PESHASTIN
LAMBERT FAMILY LLC	KUPCZYNSKI CYNTHIA A ETAL	\$229,969	\$72,000	306 2ND ST	CHELAN
MCLAUGHLIN JACINDA L & TIMOTHY	HAMLIN WILLIAM C	\$68,385	\$50,000	1450 WASHINGTON CREEK RD	CHELAN
MITCHELL MICHAEL G	EASY STREET INVESTMENTS LLC	\$112,244	\$30,000	3571 ALLEN LN	PESHASTIN
ANGEL ALBERT S & ALEXANDRA	KEARNY JOHN R	\$8,400	\$28,500	103 PARK & WOODIN AVE	CHELAN
CAMPBELL CHRISTOPHER & ALYSSA	NORTH SUGARBEE LLC	\$63,002	\$15,120	UNASSIGNED	CHELAN
BEAN LAWRENCE & STEPHANIE	NORTH STAYMAN FLATS LLC	\$58,751	\$13,560	UNASSIGNED	CHELAN
BAROUH AARON & ELLEN	PETERSONS WATERFRONT OWNERS ASSOCIATION	\$0	\$1,500	103 PARK & WOODIN AVE	CHELAN

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Michael AlexanderBird	Michael Alexander Bird
322 W Woodin Avenue Unit 724	Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings
Tyrae Tisdale Salon	Tyrae Michaela Tisdale
114 S Emerson Street	Beauty Salons
Spader Bay 7	OliverBrulotte
104 Spader Bay Road Unit 7	All Other Traveler Accommodation
Your House UR Home, LLC	Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers
2120 W Woodin Avenue	

PATEROS

Alta Lake View LLC	Food Service Contractors
1B Otto Road	

BREWSTER

El Pariente	NahumSaucedo-Torrez
509 East 4th Street	Mobile Food Services
Stockyard Café Too	Stacey Elson
102 N 3rd Street	Full-Service Restaurants
Rio Tejas Family Restaurant & Cantina LLC	Full-Service Restaurants
507 W Main Avenue	
Espinosa Auto Detailing	RamiroEspinosa Lorenzano
801 State Route 173	Car Washes



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FARM

Grantor	Grantee	Sale Price	Street
C & O NURSERY	PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$3,000,000	13236 US 2
GATEWAY PROPERTIES LLC	GATEWAY OPPORTUNITY ZONE OPERATING BUSINESS LLC	\$2,500,000	144 S NILE AVE
BLUE JAY ORCHARDS INC	AFC RANCH 8 LLC	\$1,600,000	HIGGINS LOOP RD
SCHMIDT ESTATE, NILA M	PRAIRIE CREEK RANCH LLC	\$1,310,000	196 RD 18 NE
LE RAY, ROGER & CAROL	CRUZ RENTALS LLC	\$663,750	14 LERAY RANCH RD
CORNING, JOHN J & MARY ANN	D & D ORCHARDS LLC	\$560,000	
HURTADO, EFRAIN RAMIREZ	CROUCH &, ERIC T	\$255,000	505 RD 15 NW
MARDEN, DAVID & MICHELLE	AFC RANCH 8 LLC	\$240,000	US 97
GERVICKAS, SHANTA LEE MONROE & MARK	HAYES, MEGAN L & JEFFREY M	\$216,000	BUCKINGHAM ALLEY
PIEPEL LAND HOLDINGS LLC	DARNELL, DARIN M & STEPHANIE A	\$169,900	
REEVES &, ROBERT	REEVES, DONALD R & LORENA A	\$150,000	LONGVIEW RD
PIEPEL LAND HOLDINGS LLC	TASTAD, RUEBEN P & SUSAN I	\$145,000	
WELTON ORCHARDS & STORAGE LLC	DONALDSON, STEPHEN M & TRICIA K	\$100,000	
DALING, EDMUND H & LINDA K	MITTELSTAEDT RANCH LLC	\$78,500	

COMMERCIAL

Grantor	Grantee	Sale Price	Street	Description
GELLATLY, DAVID	PARKWAY PROFESSIONAL CENTER LLC	\$830,000	101 A 11TH ST NE	DR SMITH/JOHNSTON & OVENELL
DOLL, WALTER G & KAREN SUE	MUNIZ, EDUARDO	\$220,000	895 N BAKER AVE	FINAL TOUCH BEAUTY SALON

BANKRUPTCY FILINGS OF APRIL 2022

Bankruptcies are filed under the following chapter headings.

Chapter 7 – Debtor gives up non-exempt property and debts are discharged. This does not require a repayment plan unlike a chapter 13 bankruptcy filing.

All reports are compiled through the U.S. Bankruptcy court in Spokane.

Chelan County Chapter 7

Amanda Jo Olson, 2990 Malaga Alcoa Hwy., Malaga. Filed April 7, 2022.

Megan Elizabeth Cavassa, 905 Commercial St. Apt. D, Leavenworth. Filed April 21, 2022.

Rachel Ann Andruss, PO Box 3732, Wenatchee. Filed April 22, 2022.

Sara Elizabeth Embry, 1324 S Columbia St., Wenatchee. Filed April 22, 2022.

Douglas County Chapter 7

Thomas Ray Ahlberg, 1442 N Ford Place, East Wenatchee. Filed April 7, 2022.

Jeremy Michael Orendor and Jamie Lou Orendor, 407 S Kansas Loop, Apt. 423, East Wenatchee. Filed April 22, 2022.

DISTRICT COURT: A cheaper and faster option for civil litigations?

Submitted by Jon Volyn

In 20 plus years as litigation focused attorney involved in thousands of lawsuits, I exclusively filed civil cases in Superior Court. Eventually, I became a primary pro tem Judge



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(a lawyer who is appointed to work as a temporary judge in substitution of the elected sitting judge) in District Court, and realized what I had been overlooking along with so many other lawyers. For the right case, District Court can be a better

option, a faster and cheaper avenue to relief and recovery.

First, the basics. District Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. That means the court only has the power to hear types of matters it is specifically designated. District Court can hear civil lawsuits for up to \$100,000 in damages including:

- Contract Disputes
- Personal Injury
- Injury to Property
- Actions for a Penalty
- Bond Conditioned on Payment of Money
- Surety Bonds
- Fraud Involving Personal Property
- Entrance of Judgments
- Writs of Attachment/Garnishment
- Money Judgment Enforcement

RCW 3.66.020

District Court also has exclusive jurisdiction of small claims court, where actions are limited to \$10,000, lawyers are not allowed, and the hearing process is an informal one day trial with each side having an opportunity to present their evidence and arguments directly to the court. RCW Chapter 12.40.

In Contrast, Superior Court can hear civil claims in excess of \$100,000 with no upper monetary limit. They also have exclusive jurisdiction for claims relating to criminal felonies, estates/probates, family law, and juvenile charges. RCW Chapter 2.08.

Classically, lawyers file their civil actions in Superior Court. The simple logic is each plaintiff wants the largest possible recovery in terms of damages, costs, and attorney fees and don't want to limit themselves to any upper cap on recovery. What has resulted in

is a tremendous backlog in cases. Today, the wait from the filing of a lawsuit to the commencement of trial is approximately 3-5 years. It is not unheard of for cases to take 7 years or more to get to trial. Besides the lengthy wait for the chance of a recovery, there is also the possibility of extremely expensive attorney fees to accrue over time.

However, for the right case, District Court can be a better option. With its low, if not vacant, civil trial calendar, it would be possible to get to a civil trial to the court or a jury of 6 people in about six months. There are also provisions for attorney fees and costs to be awarded to the prevailing party in district court. Finally, if either side is unhappy with the result, there are provisions to appeal and have the matter heard in Superior Court.

What makes a case right for district court? There is no simple answer since every case is different. However, a few general characteristics can be identified.

First, the claim for damages must be \$100,000 or less, not including costs, fees, penalties or interest. Second, the discovery process should be on the smaller side. This means that the evidence, witnesses, and evidentiary materials should be more manageable than excessive. A streamlined or up-front controversy, if you will. A simple personal injury case or breach of contract case is a good example. Another could be a case where liability is not contested but the amount of damages is.

What does this additional choice mean for individuals with potential lawsuits? It means that in certain circumstances they should have a conversation with their lawyer about the possibility of district court filing.

In no way does the author believe that the average civil case should no longer be filed in superior court. Instead, litigants simply need to consider the option to file in district court as another tool in the toolbox when deciding on their particular path to achieving resolution and recovery. After all, as William E. Gladstone said, "Justice delayed is justice denied."

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Former employees sue Confluence Health

By Megan Sokol, Staff Writer

83 former Confluence Health employees have filed a class action lawsuit against their employer, alleging that this is a case of wrongful termination, violating public policy, and disability discrimination.

Steven C. Lacy from Lacy Kane & Kube, P.S. has agreed to take on this case pro bono, believing that the workers were fired for not taking the COVID-19 vaccine, a requirement when working in healthcare.

"The policy that I'm referring to is the fundamental right of everyone in this state, and frankly the United States, to make their own personal health care choices. We are alleging that they interfered with the rights of their employees to make their own personal health care choices by forcing them to take an experimental vaccine or lose their job."

The case also includes a declaration by Dr. Peter A. McCullough, a Dallas-based cardiologist who is known

for spreading misinformation about COVID-19, who Lacy hired to be a key expert on this case.

Dr. McCullough has been featured on the "The Joe Rogan Experience" podcast, and has made claims that asymptomatic COVID-19 transmission does not exist, and has purported the use of hydroxychloroquine and is one of the founders of the conservative advocacy group Association of American Physicians and Surgeons.

Lacy hopes that this trial will give his clients their jobs back and require Confluence Health to repay their lost wages, legal fees, and general damages.

"I love Liberty and I don't like people's liberties being taken away from them, so I thought maybe somebody ought to step up," Lacy said.

The lawsuit is scheduled to be served sometime in late April, roughly 20 days after the case was filed on April 8. Media attempted to contact Confluence Health for comment but were unavailable.

Wenatchee MSA (Chelan and Douglas Counties) Labor Area Summary – March 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 (March 2021 and March 2022) and average annual data changes (between 2020 and 2021).

Unemployment rates

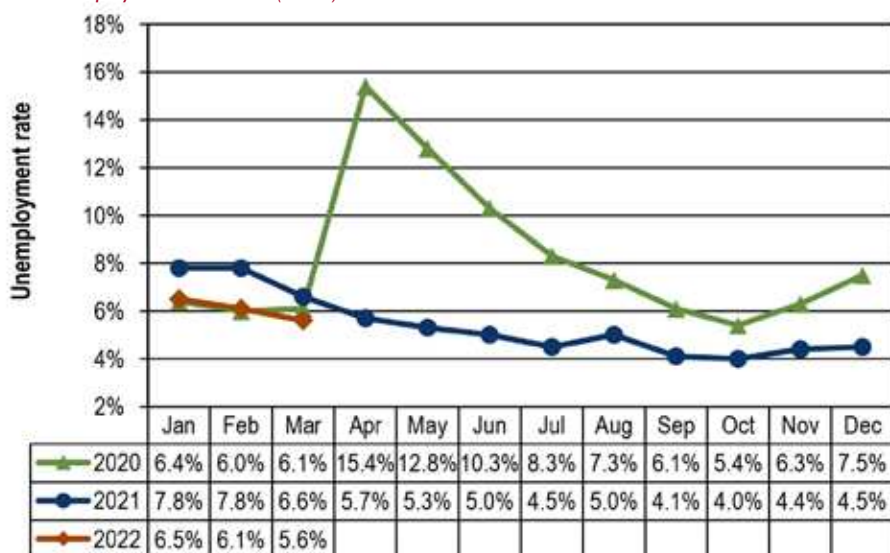
Preliminary Civilian Labor Force (CLF) data show that Washington's not seasonally adjusted average annual unemployment

rate dropped from 8.5 percent in 2020 to 5.2 percent in 2021. Between March 2021 and March 2022, the rate dropped from 6.2 to 4.3 percent, a drop of one and nine-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 12 consecutive months (April 2021 through March 2022).

The March 2022 reading of 5.6 percent was one full percentage point less than the 6.6 percent rate in March 2021.

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



The Wenatchee MSA's unemployment rate fell by one percentage point between March 2021 and March 2022.

Total nonfarm employment

Between 2020 and 2021, estimates indicate that Washington's labor market provided 74,700 more nonfarm jobs, an average annual increase of 2.3 percent.

Year over year, Washington's nonfarm market contracted from April 2020 through March 2021 prior to expanding from April 2021 through March 2022. This March, business and government organizations statewide tallied 3,454,300 jobs (not seasonally adjusted) compared with 3,281,300 in March 2021, up by 173,000 jobs and 5.3 percent.

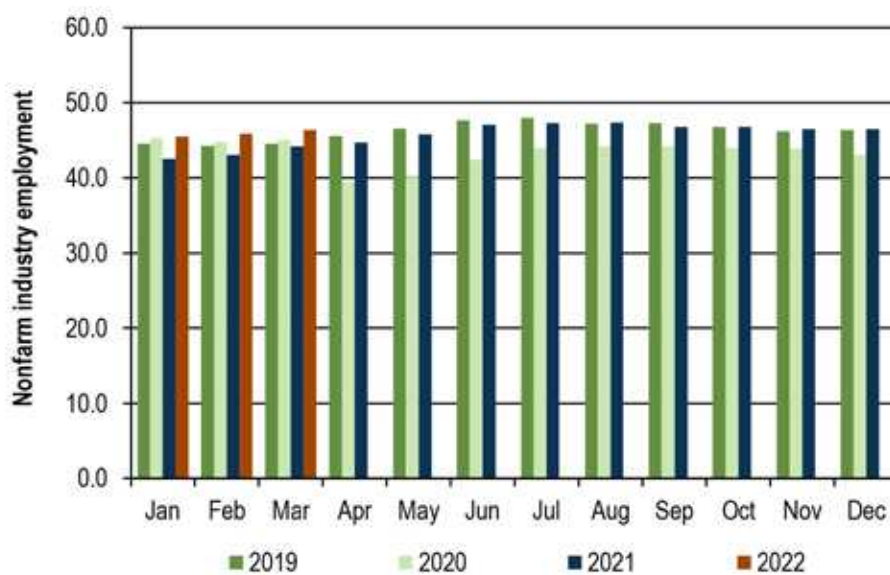
The Wenatchee MSA's economy added 2,300 jobs during 2021, a 5.4 percent

upturn, more robust than Washington's 2.3 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 12 months (April 2021 through March 2022).

This March, total nonfarm employment netted 2,200 more jobs than the 44,200 jobs tallied in March 2021, a 5.0 percent increase.

In fact, the two-county Wenatchee MSA economy provided 1,300 more nonfarm jobs (up 2.9 percent) in March 2022 (46,400 jobs) than in March 2020 (45,100 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 March 2022. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



Nonfarm employment in the Wenatchee MSA increased by 5.0 percent between March 2021 and March 2022.



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

Wenatchee MSA	Preliminary Mar-22	Revised Feb-22	Revised Mar-21	Change		Percent change
				Feb-22 Mar-22	Mar-21 Mar-22	Mar-21 Mar-22
Labor force and unemployment						
Civilian labor force	66,289	65,208	63,930	1,081	2,359	3.7%
Resident employment	62,587	61,217	59,688	1,370	2,899	4.9%
Unemployment	3,702	3,991	4,242	-289	-540	-12.7%
Unemployment rate	5.6	6.1	6.6	-0.5	-1.0	
Industry employment (numbers are in thousands)						
Total nonfarm ¹	46.4	45.9	44.2	0.5	2.2	5.0%
Total private	37.2	36.9	35.4	0.3	1.8	5.1%
Goods producing	5.9	5.8	5.5	0.1	0.4	7.3%
Mining, logging and construction	3.2	3.1	3.0	0.1	0.2	6.7%
Manufacturing	2.7	2.7	2.5	0.0	0.2	8.0%
Service providing	40.5	40.1	38.7	0.4	1.8	4.7%
Private services providing	31.3	31.1	29.9	0.2	1.4	4.7%
Trade, transportation, warehousing and utilities	10.0	9.7	9.7	0.3	0.3	3.1%
Retail trade	6.8	6.7	6.5	0.1	0.3	4.6%
Education and health services	8.1	8.0	7.8	0.1	0.3	3.8%
Leisure and hospitality	6.4	6.3	5.5	0.1	0.9	16.4%
Government	9.2	9.0	8.8	0.2	0.4	4.5%
Federal government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0%
State government	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Local government	7.4	7.2	7.0	0.2	0.4	5.7%
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 46,400 jobs in March 2022, a gain of 2,200 jobs since March 2021.

Employment and unemployment

Washington's Civilian Labor Force (CLF) edged downward by 15,964 residents (a -0.4 percent downturn) from 2020 to 2021.

Virtually all this contraction occurred in the first half of 2021. Since then, the CLF has either stabilized or expanded from July 2021 through March 2022.

Most recently, Washington's labor force grew by 169,709 residents (up 4.4 percent), from 3,882,427 residents in March 2021 to 4,052,136 in March 2022.

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 10 months (June 2021 through March 2022). Hence, the trend is moving in the right direction.

Recently, the local labor force escalated from 63,930 residents in March 2021 to 66,289 in March 2022, a 3.7 percent upturn. Also, the resident employment growth pace of 4.9 percent is noteworthy. It shows

that 2,899 more Chelan or Douglas County residents were employed in March 2022 than in March 2021; and it likely indicates that more employed residents are either commuting or teleworking to jobs outside of Chelan or Douglas counties.

Finally, the number of unemployed residents in the Wenatchee MSA declined from 4,242 in March 2021 to 3,702 in March 2022, a -12.7 percent decrease. In effect, the 3.7 percent CLF expansion combined with this -12.7 percent drop in the number of unemployed caused the Wenatchee MSA's unemployment rate to fall from 6.6 percent in March 2021 to 5.6 percent this March.

Another encouraging economic sign is that the Wenatchee MSA's Civilian Labor Force (CLF) in March 2022 (66,289 residents) was 1,532 residents (2.4 percent) greater than the 64,757 residents in the labor force back in March 2020 (i.e., pre-COVID).

This indicates that the local labor force is rebounding to pre-COVID-era levels.

Nonfarm industry employment

Between March 2021 and March 2022, total nonfarm employment in Chelan and Douglas counties (the Wenatchee MSA) increased from 44,200 to 46,400 jobs, a 2,200 job and 5.0 percent upturn. 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 12 months (April 2021 through March 2022).

Washington's nonfarm market also contracted from April 2020 through March 2021 and posted year over year employment upturns from April 2021 through March 2022.

Summaries of employment changes/trends between March 2021 and March 2022 for three local industries (construction, retail trade, 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 16 consecutive months (December 2020 through March 2022).

This March, construction provided approximately 3,200 jobs in the MSA, a 200 job and 6.7 percent advance over the 3,000 jobs tallied in March 2021. Also, the March

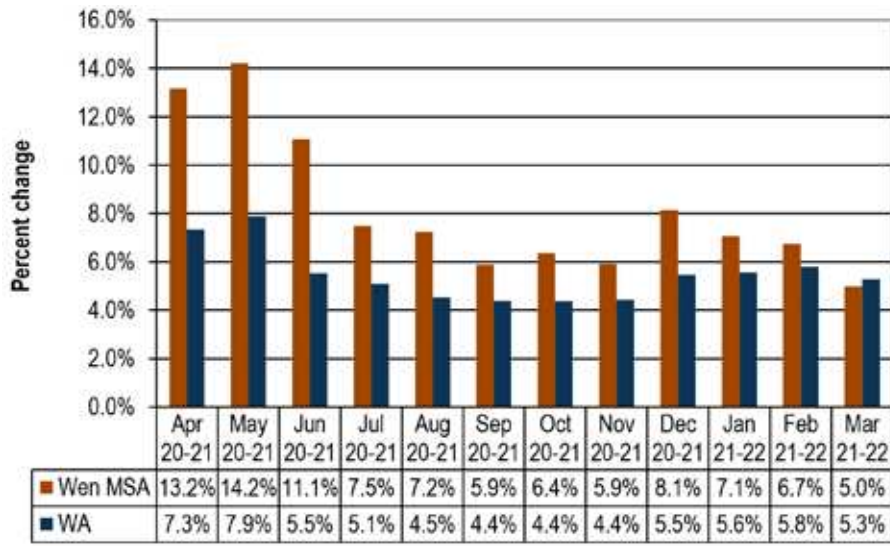
2022 Real Estate Snapshot newsletter published by Pacific Appraisal Associates shows that the number of closed sales of single-family homes or condominiums in the first three months (January through March) of 2021 compared to the first three months of 2022 in the Wenatchee market (i.e., in Wenatchee, Malaga, East Wenatchee, Orondo and Rock Island, WA) declined by -22.4 percent, falling from 196 closed sales in the first three months of 2021 to 152 in the corresponding period this year (down by 44 sales).

However, the number of active listings has risen sharply, from 30 listings in March 2021 to 44 in March 2022 (up by 14 listings and 46.7 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 \$410,000 in Year-to-Date (YTD) in March 2021 to \$466,450 YTD in March 2022, a jump of 13.8 percent.

Across Washington, construction employment has been rising, year over year, for 12 consecutive months (April

Wenatchee MSA and Washington state total nonfarm employment changes Washington state, state, , April 2020 through March 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 12 months (April 2021 through March 2022). Washington's nonfarm market also retrenched from April 2020 through March 2021 prior to expanding from April 2021 through March 2022.

2021 through March 2022) but at growth rates somewhat less robust than in the Wenatchee MSA.

Estimates indicate that retail trade employment in the Wenatchee MSA rose by 4.6 percent (up 300 jobs) between March 2021 and March 2022., from 6,500 jobs to 6,800, respectively.

The retail trade sector is comprised of the following subsectors: motor vehicle and parts dealers, furniture and home furnishing stores, building material and garden supply stores, food and beverage stores, health and personal care stores, clothing and clothing accessories stores, general merchandise stores, and other retail trade businesses (i.e., internet shopping).

Across Washington, retail trade employment has netted year-over-year gains for 20 consecutive months (August 2020 through March 2022). Current estimates indicate that Washington's retailers tallied 405,900 jobs this March versus 393,700 in March 2021, a 12,200 job and 3.1 percent upturn.

Over 80 percent (81.1 percent) of these 12,200 new jobs generated statewide between March 2021 and March 2022 were in general merchandise stores (up 3,600 jobs) and at "other retail trade" establishments (up 6,300 jobs).

The "other retail trade" category includes firms engaged in electronic or on-line shopping. Across Washington, the retail trade sector netted 16,100 new jobs in 2021, of which 6,800 jobs (42.2 percent) were in this "other retail trade" industry.

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.

Year over year, employment in the local leisure and hospitality industry has increased from April 2021 through March 2022. Between March 2021 and March 2022, leisure and hospitality (primarily hotels, eating and drinking places, and amusement and recreation services) added 900 jobs across the MSA, a lively 16.4 percent upturn, as employment revived from 5,500 jobs to 6,400. Leisure and hospitality businesses added more jobs to the local nonfarm economy between the Marches of 2021 and 2022 than any other major industry, accounting for 40.9 percent of total nonfarm growth during this timeframe.

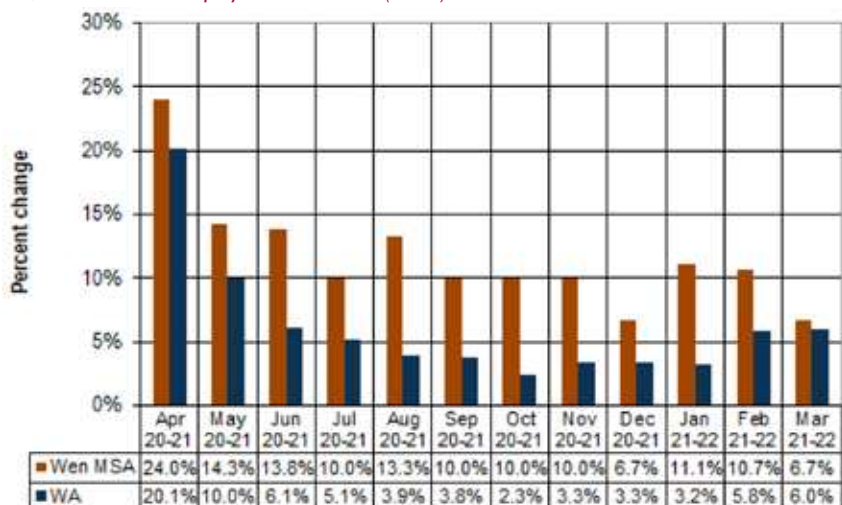
Another encouraging sign is that the number of leisure and hospitality jobs in the two-county Wenatchee MSA this March (6,400) was 300 greater than the 6,100 jobs tallied in the pre-COVID era of March 2020.

Hence, as of March of this year, the local leisure and hospitality sector has recovered the total number of jobs lost since the COVID-19 pandemic began to depress employment in this industry back in March 2020.

Whether this recovery can be maintained remains to be seen in the forthcoming months. Employment in Washington's leisure and hospitality industry has also expanded in each of the past 12 months (April 2021 through March 2022).

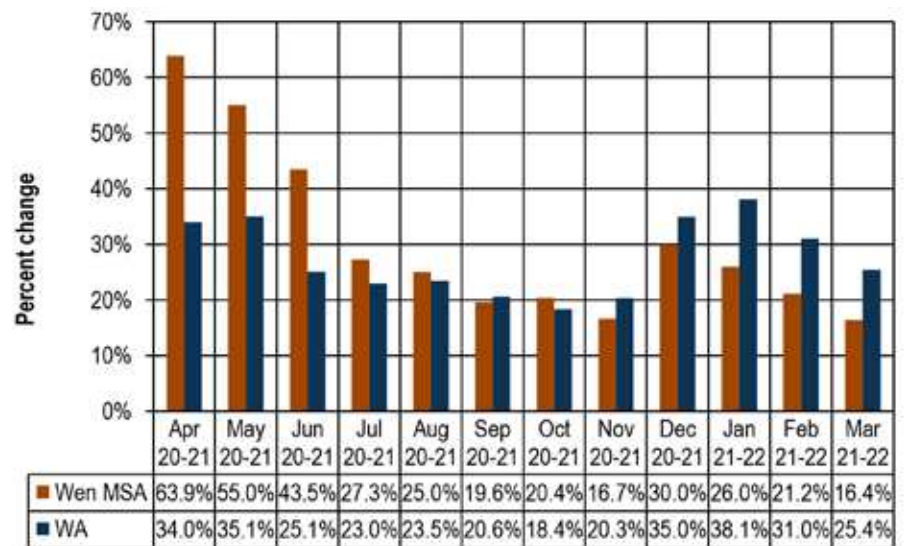
Statewide, leisure and hospitality employment elevated 25.4 percent between the Marches of 2021 and 2022 with accommodation businesses within this leisure and hospitality sector rising by 39.8 percent, from 20,100 jobs in March 2021 to 28,100 this March.

Wenatchee MSA and Washington construction employment changes Washington state, April 2020 through March 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 construction industry has expanded for 16 months (December 2020 through March 2022). Statewide, construction employment has been rising for 12 months (April 2021 through March 2022) but at growth rates slightly less than in the Wenatchee MSA.

Wenatchee MSA and Washington state leisure and hospitality employment changes Washington state, April 2020 through March 2022. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



Year over year, employment in the Wenatchee MSA's leisure and hospitality industry has increased from April 2021 through March 2022. Employment in Washington's leisure and hospitality industry has also expanded in each of the past 12 months (April 2021 through March 2022).

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 Security 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.

Web link to Monthly Employment Report (MER) for Washington state
<https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/monthly-employment-report>

Ann Congdon stepping down as PUD Commissioner after serving 18 years

Submitted by Ann Congdon

WENATCHEE – Ann Congdon announced on April 6 that she will not be seeking re-election to Chelan County PUD's District 3 commission seat.

She will have served for 18 years with four different General Managers and will be the second longest serving PUD board member in Chelan PUD history.

"It's been a privilege to serve", Ann said. "This has been an amazing 18 year run for me and my husband, Tom Allen. When I look back at where we were when I started in 2005 (\$1.5 billion in debt; complete loss of customer/community trust) and where we are today, I am, quite hon-



Ann Congdon

estly, astounded. Fortunately, there were many good things and people in place when I came on the board. They created opportunities for us, the board, to be a part of building a better future for Chelan County.

"I am confident that I will be leaving the PUD in great hands. The incoming commissioner will have a great team to work with. I

am not leaving because the job is no longer enjoyable or challenging. I'm leaving because it's time. It's time to let someone else have the opportunity to serve.

"I hope to find ways to continue to make a positive and meaningful difference in the world. Much of my time and focus will be on advocating for the disabled and disadvantaged. And, I really look forward to having more time to spend with my family. My grandsons will keep me hopping.

"Thank you to all of you who have reached out with questions, encouragement, thoughts and kindness. Thank you to my fellow commissioners from whom I've learned so much! We were a great team."



We are very grateful to all our Essential Workers and especially for the Month of May. Thank you Nurses.

Thank you all Hospital Workers and EMS.

You are appreciated!



The Shoe Guys pose for the camera and the Fashion show presented by cancer survivors, family and friends, was a highlight of the evening.

Wine, women & shoes raises almost \$150,000

Submitted by Julie Lindholm, Executive Director

The 1st Annual “Wine, Women & Shoes” fundraising event for Wellness Place was a smashing success and raised almost \$150,000!

This engaging and exciting event was filled with community-minded, philanthropic women as they gathered to sip, shop, savor, and support Wellness Place in a chic, fun, and innovative way.

The fun evening began with an energetic atmosphere from the moment guests step through the doors, including sip-sational wine tasting, culinary delights, and Marketplace shopping with local and national designer boutiques.

Shoe judges roamed the room seeking the most “classy” and “creative”

footwear to be awarded prizes, and charming “Shoe Guys” were on hand to help guests with the silent auction, “Key to the Closet” drawing, and the fun “Wall of Wines”.

Executive Director Julie Lindholm started the evening’s presentation with the Wellness Place mission.

“We offer compassionate support and free services for all residents in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan. Almost 4 people per day will be diagnosed in NCW, and our free services are needed now more than ever.”

The evening grew in momentum during the live auction with a bidding war for a Nashville trip, ending with auctioneer Rose Backs selling three of the trips for \$4,000 each!

“When the number on

the live tally board quickly surpassed our \$100,000 goal, I knew this was going to be a record-breaking night.” said Lindholm.

Ending the evening was a glamorous fashion show featuring 30 local adult volunteer models, with two children including 5-year-old Samyrah and 8-year-old Drake, who both have parents currently battling cancer. There was a teary-eyed standing ovation when six models ended the show holding signs stating, “I am a cancer warrior, I am a survivor, my mom has cancer and my dad has cancer”.

Presenting sponsor Numerica Credit Union’s Senior Vice President, Kim Pearman-Gillman said, “When someone is battling cancer, that warrior doesn’t need added stress and Wellness Place does

such a great job helping to relieve those worries.”

“We are truly grateful for the army of volunteers who helped make this event a complete success!” said Lindholm

“Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Wine, Women & Shoes on Friday, April 21, 2023 at the Wenatchee Convention Center. I have no doubt it will be a sold-out crowd next year.”

For more information visit www.wellnessplacencw.org or call 509-888-9933.

At Wellness Place, we give compassionate support and FREE resources to individuals, their families, and caregivers through their cancer journey, from diagnosis to survivorship, for those residing in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties. No one fights alone.



Chelan-Douglas commissioners choose 5 community members for CDHD Health Board

Submitted by Jill M. FitzSimmons

Chelan and Douglas county commissioners reached a consensus on the five people who will serve as the at-large members of the newly revamped Chelan-Douglas Board of Health.

County commissioners are tasked with appointing at-large members to the Chelan-Douglas Health District’s Board of Health. The two county boards were in full agreement on the final five candidates, who were chosen from a pool of 10.

The new board members, who will begin their terms on June 1, are:

- **Dr. Bindu Nayak** (public health facility): Dr. Nayak is an endocrinologist at Confluence Health and co-founder and co-chairman of the Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council at the hospital.

- **Marissa Smith** (public health facility): A registered nurse, Smith works as an infection preventionist at Columbia Valley Community Health.

- **Alma Chacon** (community stakeholder): Chacon is the executive director of CAFÉ, with more than 30 years of experience working with underrepresented communities in the region.

- **Bill Sullivan** (community stakeholder): Sullivan is a licensed hydrogeologist with 17 years of environmental health experience in groundwater, wells, drinking water, infiltration and groundwater quality.

- **Joseph Hunter** (consumer of public health services): A certified recovery coach and peer counselor, Hunter spent 20 years in active addiction, using community resources to reach sobriety. He works for North Central Accountable Community of Health.

In addition, the five other candidates who were not chosen to serve on the health board will be asked to serve in alternate positions to each of the new at-large members.

The two counties updated the bylaws of the health board last

month to include the alternate positions, which may be appointed to the health board if someone cannot fulfill a term.

“The new at-large positions, along with the alternates, will make us one of the most robust health districts in the state for years to come,” said Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay, who is chairman of the health board.

“The depth and breadth of representation for the valley is outstanding,” agreed Douglas County Commissioner Dan Sutton. “And they all are seeking the position for the right reason – to better our community.”

Next the two county boards must individually pass a resolution appointing the five members to the health board. Both county boards are expected to do that next week.

The new health board will grow from eight to 12 members, including four county commissioners (two from each county), a small cities representative, a large cities repre-

sentative and six at-large community members.

Representing Douglas County will be Commissioners Sutton and Marc Straub. Representing Chelan County will be Commissioners Overbay and Tiffany Gering. Representing the large cities will be East Wenatchee Mayor Jerrilea Crawford.

That leaves two positions left to fill. The mayors of the small cities in Chelan County have been asked to provide a recommendation by May 1.

An additional at-large board member will be appointed by the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State. That selection has not yet been made by the state.

Leavenworth Mayor Carl J. Florea said he will once again nominate Sharon Waters for the CDHD board. “I’ll put forward Sharon, she enjoys being on that, she’s a meetings geek,” Mayor Florea said. “Loves to get involved in as many things as she possibly can.”

Cashmere Mayor Jim Fletcher had no comment.

The restructuring of the Health Board comes at the direction of the state Legislature. Legislators last year passed House Bill 1152, which modifies the composition of local health boards throughout the state.

The bill creates comprehensive guidelines for health districts to follow and requires them to balance governing boards with non-elected officials. County commissioners followed the following process:

- In December, the health district called for applications for the at-large seats. The search garnered 34 names of community members who volunteered to serve on the board.

- On Jan. 21, a subcommittee of the current CDHD Health Board reviewed those applications and narrowed them down to 10.

- On March 14, the two county boards had an interview process with the 10 candidates via Zoom.

All candidates answered four questions that were provided to them before the interview.