



## Alcoa announces closure of Wenatchee smelter



Rock Island Dam and Alcoa Wenatchee aluminum smelter.

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File photo

By Jim Beck,  
Alcoa Media Liason

Alcoa Corporation (NYSE: AA) announced [Dec. 13] the closure of 146,000 metric tons of aluminum smelting capacity at the Wenatchee Works aluminum smelter located in the state of Washington.

The process to permanently decommission the smelter, which has been fully idle since 2015, will begin immediately to prepare the Wenatchee site for potential redevelopment.

“Our analysis does not support the long-term operation of the Wenatchee smelter, so we are now focused on preparing this site for a new future,” said Alcoa President and CEO Roy Harvey.

“We appreciate the support that Alcoa has received from our community stakeholders over these many years, and we look forward to continued work with them to develop a robust rede-

velopment and reuse plan for the site.”

Alcoa will record restructuring and related charges in the fourth quarter 2021 of approximately \$75 million (pre- and after-tax), or \$0.40 per share, related to the permanent closure.

Cash outlays related to the permanent closure of the site are expected to be approximately \$60 million over the next seven years, with approximately \$10 million to be spent in 2022.

The projected cash outlays do not include any potential proceeds from the planned redevelopment efforts.

The Wenatchee site includes approximately 2,800 acres of land with intermodal transportation and utility infrastructure.

The Wenatchee site currently employs 18 people, some of whom will remain to assist with demolition and redevelopment work.

Today’s closure announcement aligns with Alcoa’s five-year review of its operating assets and brings Alcoa’s total global smelting capacity to 2.8 million metric tons.

First announced in October of 2019, the portfolio review includes evaluations for 1.5 million metric tons of smelting capacity for significant improvements, curtailments, closures, or divestitures.

With today’s action, the Company has achieved approximately 60 percent of its 1.5 million metric ton goal in its smelting portfolio review through announced improvements at Portland Aluminium in Australia and Alumar in Brazil and the curtailment of the Intalco smelter in Washington State.

### About Alcoa Corporation

Alcoa (NYSE: AA) is a global industry leader in bauxite,

alumina, and aluminum products, and is built on a foundation of strong values and operating excellence dating back 135 years to the world-changing discovery that made aluminum an affordable and vital part of modern life.

Since developing the aluminum industry, and throughout our history, our talented Alcoans have followed on with breakthrough innovations and best practices that have led to efficiency, safety, sustainability, and stronger communities wherever we operate.

### Dissemination of Company Information

Alcoa intends to make future announcements regarding company developments and financial performance through its website, [www.alcoa.com](http://www.alcoa.com), as well as through press releases, filings with the Securities and Exchange

Commission, conference calls, and webcasts.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements that relate to future events and expectations and as such constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Forward-looking statements include those containing such words as “ambition,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “could,” “develop,” “endeavors,” “estimates,” “expects,” “forecasts,” “goal,” “intends,” “may,” “outlook,” “plans,” “potential,” “projects,” “reach,” “seeks,” “sees,” “should,” “targets,” “will,” “working,” “would,” or other words of similar meaning. All statements by Alcoa Corporation that reflect expectations, assumptions or projections about the future, other

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## Discovery Center’s new app lets guests ‘swim’ with the salmon

Submitted by Rachel Hansen

Even if you’ve visited the all-new Discovery Center at Rocky Reach Dam since it reopened after a two-year renovation, now’s the time to come again for another new way to experience the Columbia River.

This week, the center debuts its “PowAR” app. The app offers three ways to look deeper into the inner workings of Rocky Reach Dam by using augmented reality.

The app works on a smart phone or tablet to enhance what guests see by adding virtual elements.

“Our new app adds an exciting dimension to what guests can see and do at the Discovery Center,”

said Kristin Lodge, Visitor Services manager. “We know it’s not enough to just tell people about the benefits of hydropower – we want them to see and feel it for themselves!”

With the app – which can be downloaded using the Discovery Center’s free Wi-Fi – guests can “swim” with salmon up the fish ladder; “watch” a water molecule on its trip through a dam turbine; and “fly” a drone over Rocky Reach Dam.

No device? No problem – the tour guides at the Discovery Center have tablets to loan to guests to use during their visit.

If you’re looking for a more

low-tech adventure, the all-new Discovery Center also uses movies, unique exhibits and hands-on displays to tell the story of the amazing Columbia River.

And, for the first time, the center is **open year-round!**

That means it’s a great place to entertain visitors or keep students busy during the holidays this year.

And admission is free!

“We do get questions about ‘what’s there to do at the Discovery Center?’ ” said Lodge. “After just a few minutes of chatting about all we offer, people can’t wait to visit.”

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Submitted photo

Discovery Center Tour Guide Guadalupe Peterson shows two school-aged children an interactive model of Rocky Reach Hydro Project.

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## A note from the Publisher of NCW Media Inc. Newspapers

### Greetings to our NCW Communities,

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our weekly community newspapers and our monthly Wenatchee Business Journal.

It has been a month since my husband, business partner and Publisher Bill Forhan suddenly passed away.

I will continue to be at the helm of all our papers, print and online that we had grown together over the past 21 years.



Carol Forhan

I still have a wonderful staff of reporters, correspondents, advertising

sales, graphic and layout people on board.

We will all continue to provide local and regional content suited to our collective and individual communities.

Feel free to call or write your letters, editorials, and advertising to support our local community and economy. May you have a safe and blessed New Year.

Sincerely,  
**Carol L. Forhan,**  
Publisher



CHELAN COUNTY

## Get ready for this week's cold snap with energy-saving tips

Submitted by Rachel Hansen

WENATCHEE, WA – The electrical grid is working hard to keep everyone warm as temperatures dip into single digits. Chelan PUD wants customers to consider some ways to stay safe, manage energy use and protect water pipes from freezing.

Chelan PUD anticipates that peak energy demand in Chelan County this week may set a new record for the utility. The current record – 491 megawatts – was set the morning of Jan. 5, 2017, when temperatures were -1 Fahrenheit.

“Our distribution system is designed to handle zero-degree temperatures, plus reserve capacity. We expect to come close this week without dipping into our reserves,” said Chad Rissman, managing director of distribution assets.

As the demand for electricity increases, so does stress on the equipment that delivers electricity. Chelan PUD has suspended non-critical maintenance projects planned for this week to ensure that if the lights go out, crews will be ready to restore power as quickly as possible.

Here are some tips to prevent your electric bill from getting out of hand during this cold spell AND help reduce stress on the electrical system:

- **Cozy up with a sweater, not the thermostat.** Turn your heat down 1-2 degrees, or the lowest temperature you are comfortable with, and put a sweater and/or blankets on yourself.

- **Let the sun in during the day but close your drapes at night.** Take advantage of that solar heat gain but eliminate the heat loss after the sun goes down.

- **Heat where you are.** If using baseboards or zonal heating, only heat parts of the home that you will be using.

- **Check your water heating settings.** Do not have the thermostat set above 125 degrees.

- **Eliminate drafts from doors.** Use a door draft stopper/guard or just a blanket to prevent unwanted heat loss. Minimize how often you are going in/out of your home.

If you're concerned about water pipes freezing:

- Consider letting a cold-water faucet drip continuously when the weather is at its coldest.

- Know the location of the water shut-off valve in your home. Check to make sure it works.

- Open cupboard doors under sinks, especially where plumbing is in outside walls, to let interior heat warm the pipes.

If the power does go out, call us 24/7 at **877-783-8123** to report the outage and get updates. These tips can help keep you and your family safe, as well as help PUD crews safely restore service as quickly as possible:

- **Turn off all but one light** – on the porch or inside where it can be seen from the street – so you and PUD crews know when power is restored.

- **Never use fuel-burning devices**, like gasoline-powered generators, gasoline-powered pressure washers, camp stoves and lanterns, or charcoal grills inside, or in any confined space, or within 10 feet of windows, doors or other air intakes. Using these items in your home can produce carbon monoxide, which can be deadly.

- **Prevent cold-load pickup:** Wait 10 minutes after power is restored before turning on major appliances to ease the load on the system.

**DO NOT go near, touch or try to move any lines on the ground** or trees tangled in them – **stay far away!**

If you plan to use a portable generator, make sure you plug appliances directly into the generator. Or, make sure your home is disconnected from the PUD's electric system with a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician.

Find more tips on “weathering” a cold snap at [chelanpud.org/](http://chelanpud.org/) HYPERLINK “<http://www.chelanpud.org/my-pud-services/safety-and-outage-center/cold-weather-tips>” ColdWeatherTips.

Here for you, providing the best for the most for the longest – [chelanpud.org](http://chelanpud.org)

## THE LEAVENWORTH FUND

### Deadline for Applications, January 31, 2022

Submitted by City of Leavenworth



The City of Leavenworth announces a second opportunity to apply for Lodging Tax Grant Funding through “The Leavenworth Fund”, which is a single fund set aside for community grants from the City’s annual lodging Tax dollars.

This new grant application process is the City’s official mechanism for accepting all grant solicitations from qualified organizations. This replaces all prior grant funding application processes, such as the “Festival & Events,” “Tourism Hospitality & Special Programs,” and “Partnership Funding Agreements.”

The City originally solicited applications for The Leavenworth Fund grant funding opportunity in June of this year; those applicants were awarded funding by the City Council at the November 9, 2021 City Council meeting. There is a remaining balance of \$58,000 in appropriated funds that is still available for local nonprofit organizations to apply for. The following categories are available for this second round of grant funding:

#### 1. Heads in Beds:

Purpose of funding: to promote activities or events that generate overnight stays in local hotels/accommodations. Uses of funds include but are not limited to: Marketing, Promotion, Volunteer Support

#### 2. Operational Support:

Purpose of funding: to support nonprofit organizations with a mission focused on the Leavenworth community and that attract tourism, sportsmanship, cultural exchanges, and/or promotion of our city.

Uses of funds include but are not limited to: Operations, Maintenance, Capital Investments, Staffing, Insurance, etc.

#### FUNDING DETAILS:

- \$58,000 in Lodging Tax Funds is available
- Minimum requested grant amount: \$4,000
- Maximum requested grant amount: \$10,000
- Grant funding is for use in 2022
- Extensions for future years may be available

#### APPLICATION DETAILS:

To apply, your organization must have 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) status.

Application must include the following:

- Work Plan
- Organizational budget document (Excel worksheet linked below)
- 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) letter or a letter from a fiscal agent
- Insurance Certification
- List of your Board of Directors

An application submitted does not guarantee funding. Funding may be granted at a different dollar amount than requested in the application.

Requests that do not exceed 50% of total funding will be prioritized. Organizations may submit more than one application for each category – separate applications must be submitted. Deadline for Applications – January 31, 2022 at 4:00 PM

#### How to submit an application:

**Mail:** City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826.

**Delivery:** City of Leavenworth, 700 US Hwy 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826.

**Email:** Sue Cragun [scragun@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:scragun@cityofleavenworth.com)

If you have questions about the Leavenworth Fund, application process, or anything else, please contact: Sue Cragun City of Leavenworth Executive Assistant [scragun@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:scragun@cityofleavenworth.com)

# A perfect pairing: Siren Song partners with Columbia Hospitality to offer unique hospitality experiences

Submitted by  
Joleen Zanuzoski,  
GreenRubino for  
Columbia Hospitality

CHELAN – Columbia Hospitality is announcing a management and partnership agreement with Siren Song Vineyard Estate and Winery, a chateau-style winery overlooking Lake Chelan known for their award-winning wines, food pairings, as well as spectacular water views ideal for enjoying live music and hosting memorable events.

Owners Kevin and Holly Brown have a strong personal connection and created Siren Song wines as a reflection of their extensive travels worldwide.

Each wine is inspired by a unique adventure, journey, or meal.

The property includes the seven-acre vineyard and estate, tasting room, restaurant and villa.

The Lake Chelan Wine Valley AVA is an expanding region for visitors and locals alike.

Siren Song is poised for dynamic growth and to offer unique and exclusive hospitality experiences.

“Columbia Hospitality specializes in creating exceptional experiences and transforming hospitality visions into reality,” John Oppenheimer, CEO of Columbia Hospitality.

“We look forward to implementing our hospitality approach and values to elevate the one-of-a-kind experiences available at Siren Song.”

“We are delighted to partner with Columbia Hospitality’s team and value their hospitality expertise.

The alignment in our values makes this partnership collaborative,” said Kevin Brown, owner of Siren Song Vineyard Estate and Winery.

“Columbia’s deep experience and passion for the hospitality industry combined with their mission-driven approach will enhance our ability to share our adventures with friends, family, and wine club members. We are looking forward to all that this partnership will offer our community,” added Holly Brown, owner and Chief Siren of Siren Song Vineyard Estate and Winery.

In addition to the vineyard and winery, Siren Song also offers private events and wedding packages, a variety of cooking classes, and a private villa located steps from the tasting room and restaurant, that is open for reservations.

#### About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality (Columbia) is a national management and consulting company established in 1995 by founder and CEO John Oppenheimer.

Their growing portfolio includes award-winning hotels and resorts, premier residential communities, restaurants and bars, private and public golf clubs, conference centers, and distinctive venues.

Columbia creates exceptional experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for property owners.

Columbia has also consulted on hundreds of hospitality projects worldwide, delivering a high level of customized service to partners and investors.

For more information about Columbia and to view the entire portfolio, visit <https://www.columbiahospitality.com>.

#### About Siren Song Owned by Kevin and Holly Brown

The Siren Song Vineyard Estate and Winery sits above Lake Chelan. Named after the mythical sirens’ song and their irresistible calling, The Siren Song Vineyard Estate and Winery is where guests create their own experiences with food, wine and travel.

Kevin Brown, the winemaker, holds the creative vision for wines.

Holly Brown cooks up culinary experiences and other property events.

For more information, visit [www.sirensongwines.com](http://www.sirensongwines.com)



Photo courtesy: [sirensongwines.com](http://sirensongwines.com)

Holly and Kevin Brown are the owners of The Siren Song Vineyard Estate and Winery which sits above Lake Chelan on the south shore of the lake.



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Pictured above (l to r): Kevin Vitulli, VP/Senior Commercial Relationship Manager; Jake Hambly, SVP/Commercial Banking Center Manager; Jonathan Hanson, VP/Senior Commercial Relationship Manager.

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Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict.

Although Alcoa Corporation believes that the expectations reflected in any forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that these expectations will be attained, and it is possible that actual results may differ materi-

ally from those indicated by these forward-looking statements due to a variety of risks and uncertainties. Additional information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements is contained in Alcoa Corporation's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Alcoa Corporation disclaims any obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether in response to new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.



## Let's think differently about school consolidation

By Sen. Brad Hawkins

Following the 2012 state Supreme Court's McCleary decision regarding education funding, the Legislature made big investments into K-12 education and also limited what school districts could seek in local property tax levies, although the property tax limits did not hold up for long.

As the political dynamics changed in Olympia, the cap was removed, and taxpayer funding of education has continued to increase along with the scope of services provided by districts.

With so much focus in recent years on state education funding and school levies, many people may not realize the important role local school boards have in developing priorities, approving annual budgets, and overseeing operations.

School districts are governed by their own elected boards and administered by chosen school superintendents.

Districts receive the majority of their funds from state dollars on a per-student basis along with local and federal funds.

School districts should prudently invest their taxpayer dollars (local, state, and federal) to implement programs, negotiate employee contracts, and manage their operations.

As separate entities, school districts do not all spend the same way.

Washington state has 295 different districts, ranging from the very small to the Seattle School District with 55,000 students.

As a result of local governance, state formulas, and local levies, each school district's expenditures vary. Generally speaking, the cost per student in small school districts is much greater than that of medium to larger districts.

In North Central Washington, for example, the per-student expenditures are far greater than the

state average of \$13,879 in the school districts of Palisades (\$28,745), Mansfield (\$26,342), Orondo (\$22,125), and Waterville (\$18,799), as well as many other districts.

These costs are much greater per student than neighboring Eastmont (\$13,737), whose spending is below the state average.

The costs in many of our nearby districts may prompt some questions that we don't often reflect upon but probably should. For example, should Mansfield and Waterville consider partnering as one district? Could Orondo, Waterville, or Palisades consolidate with Eastmont? Could school districts like Manson and Lake Chelan function more efficiently together? What school districts could partner with Wenatchee?

What other districts in our state could operate together?

I have long wondered why Washington state has 295 different school districts

and whether that is the best approach for students and taxpayers.

Based on my years as a school board member and as a legislator, I believe small school districts could potentially benefit from merging with their larger neighboring districts or with similar-sized districts.

Strategic consolidation could create more efficiencies for taxpayers by driving down the per-student expenses while expanding options in academics and activities. The issue of school consolidation has certainly been raised before, and it is a messy proposition.

However, these past proposals have considered mandating consolidations.

My Senate Bill 5487 for the upcoming session would incentivize voluntary con-

solidations for improved outcomes and more efficient spending.

Senate Bill 5487 is a bipartisan bill that could help resolve inefficiencies while helping districts modernize their facilities, a need often shared by smaller districts.

My bill would temporarily enhance the state's School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP), which provides matching funds for school facilities to districts whose communities approve school construction bonds, if districts consolidate.

This idea could encourage small school districts to voluntarily consolidate to create more efficiencies for taxpayers. It also could expand offerings to students and assist districts with their much-needed modernizations.

Our region has seen benefits recently from local government consolidations, including Wenatchee-based fire districts and the Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority. Washington state law (RCW 28A.315.235) provides a clear process for school districts to consolidate, including public outreach and community votes of the two school districts.

Districts and communi-

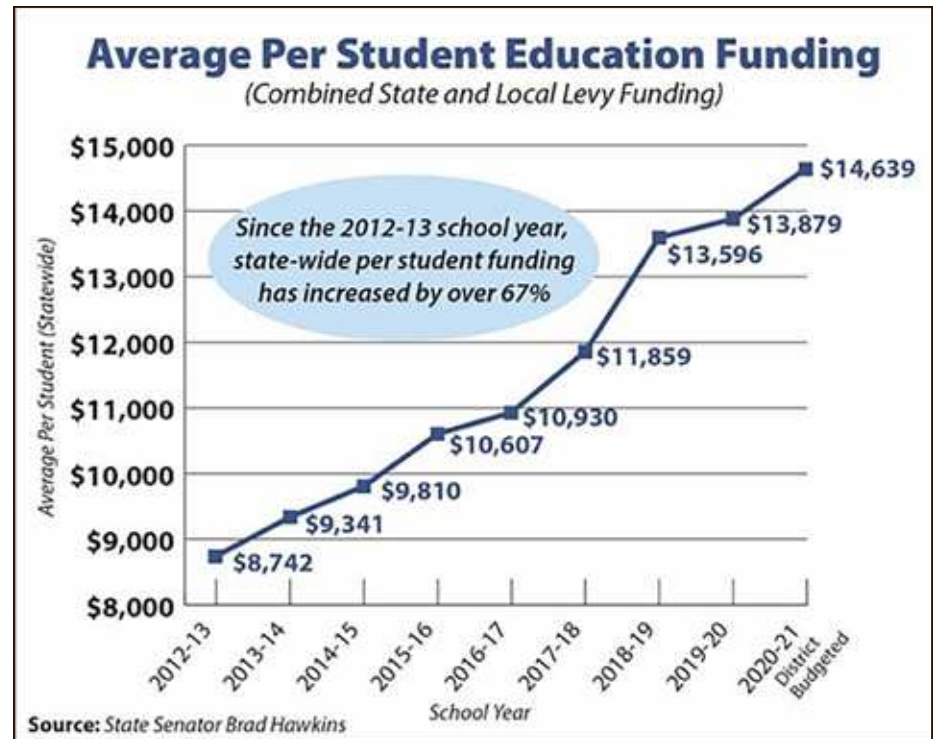
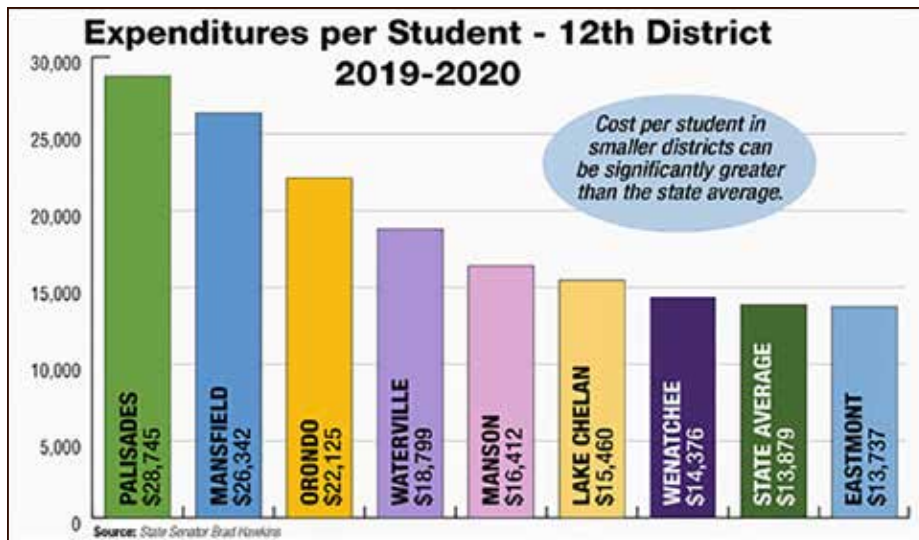
ties should consider academics, school sports, extra-curricular activities, student transportation, collective bargaining contracts, local tax structure, school identity, and other factors when exploring consolidation.

While any decisions would ultimately be made locally after much consideration and public process, the financial figures would suggest that consolidation could be something local districts might want to explore, likely providing students with more options as well.

With all the money being pumped into our K-12 public education system, it's time to think differently about our educational delivery.

Taxpayers are investing too much for us to do otherwise, and students could benefit from expanded opportunities.

*Brad Hawkins is the state senator for North Central Washington and the ranking Republican on the Senate's Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee. Prior to the Legislature, he served for 10 years on the boards of North Central Educational Service District and Eastmont School District.*



## Lake Chelan Chamber welcomes three new board members

Submitted by Mike Steele,  
Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce

LAKE CHELAN – The Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the addition of **Jo Cowell**, **Krysta Westmoreland**, and **Chad Steiner** to the Board of Directors. Jo and Chad will be starting their first three year term, while Krysta will be beginning her second three year term, effective January 1, 2022.

Jo, and her husband Greg, own and operate One Wines Inc. They've been supplying Lake Chelan with amazing wine since 2008. Jo is excited with the prospect of joining the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to further contribute to the great things the organization is doing. She looks forward in lending her expertise and wants to continue to contribute to building this beautiful community.

Krysta relocated to the Lake Chelan Valley in 2017, along with her husband Gary and their dog Nala and son Elias. Krysta and her husband have owned and operated The Meat Shop for the last several years. Prior



to The Meat Shop, Krysta worked in various marketing and event management roles for Brandeis University, The Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, and several non-profits in the Greater Boston Area. Krysta has thoroughly enjoyed becoming active in the community and is looking forward to becoming even more involved. When not in the shop, Krysta can be found volunteering with Rotary, supporting one of the areas many great wineries, or enjoying the outdoors.

Chad Steiner, Washington State Native, WSU grad and local business owner - Chelan Valley Farms plus

U.S. Director of Marketing for Wilbur-Ellis. Chad is very passionate about serving and helping the community - especially with an opportunity to serve the Lake Chelan Chamber. He's had a career in agriculture around the United States and traveled extensively globally. His background has been focused on leadership in both sales and marketing, as well as a local entrepreneur. Chad has served on a number of boards in the Valley including the Chelan Valley Housing Trust, Lake Chelan Reclamation District and Manson Growers Fruit Cooperative. His wife, Jeana and three boys live on their farm in Manson.

These individuals will serve alongside existing board members, Sandy Calicoat, Pete Luchini, Mistaya Johnston, Brun Garfoot, Mary Signorelli and Lacey Lybecker.

The Chamber has been in operation since 1924 and currently has nearly 500 members. It exists to drive economic growth through leadership, advocacy and promotion that enhances the quality of life in Lake Chelan.



# LAKE CHELAN WINTER FEST 2022



JANUARY  
14<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

For more information, visit  
[LakeChelanWinterfest.com](http://LakeChelanWinterfest.com)



Photos by: Norm Manly

Left to right are Anan and Diane Holtzheimer, Savanna Joyce, and Zach Holtzheimer.



Silver Bell Winery currently has three red Bordeaux blends, a white Bordeaux, and a rosé.

## Silver Bell Winery now open in the Lake Chelan Valley

By Norm Manly

Manson Community Volunteer

MANSON – Recently I enjoyed a visit to Silver Bell Winery, Manson Chamber of Commerce's newest member. They have a great story, like most of the family-owned wineries in the Lake Chelan Valley. Located at 21 Veroske Road in Manson, at an elevation of 1,470 feet, the view of Lake Chelan and surrounding area is extraordinary.

Owners Alan and Diane Holtzheimer grew up on Whidbey Island and raised their family in Skagit County. They are blessed with two adult children, Zach and Katie.

Zach serves as "Tasting Room Manager" and heads up the Marketing Department. Zach attended

Eastern Washington University and graduated Spring 2020 with a bachelor's degree in marketing, a good fit. Zach's girlfriend, Savanna, works in the tasting room.

When asked how the idea of owning and operating a winery started Alan said, "From 1995 to 2012 we owned an automotive towing company, a tough business with long hours and zero days off. I started making wine in our garage, it was going to be a hobby. This new hobby soon turned into a passion that could not be ignored. Diane and I made the decision to make wine as an exit strategy from the towing business and a move towards a more rewarding career."

The Holtzheimer's opened a tasting room in La Conner in 2012.

"We still had kids in school at the time and La Conner was the best choice for our tasting room and close to home. From as early as 2008 we knew we would eventually move our winery to 'wine country' but were not sure where that would be until we came to visit our friends, Charlie and Lacey Lybecker (owners Cairdeas Winery). After a few visits we knew this was by far the best choice to fulfill our winery dreams", Alan went on.

I asked Diane to give me three reasons why they like living in Manson. "The people – We have never felt more welcomed and more part of a community; The ge-

ography – Is there a more beautiful place with four distinct seasons? The winery climate - This already is and will continue to expand as one of the greatest places to come and enjoy the best of Washington wines."

Ground was broken for Silver Bell Winery the summer of 2018 and opened the tasting room June 25, 2021. Silver Bell wines are made on site in their production facility.

Currently they have three red Bordeaux blends, a white Bordeaux, and a rosé.

They set their target goal of producing 2000 cases a year, but they are already seeing that will not be enough, a good problem.

As a new winery they have earned several "Double Gold's"

from the Seattle Wine Awards. Currently, they offer a charcuterie plate and plan on expanding the food menu next year.

Silver Bell offers two levels for their wine club members with releases in the spring and fall.

Be sure to add Silver Bell Winery to your next wine tasting adventure. Stop in and say hello to Alan, Diane, Zach and Savanna. Sit back, enjoy the awe-inspiring view and amazing wines.

Winter hours for Silver Bell Winery are 12:00 to 5 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday and coming this spring, they will be open Thursday - Monday 12:00 to 5 p.m.

Contact Silver Bell Winery at 509-508-1015 or visit their website [www.silverbellowinery.com](http://www.silverbellowinery.com).

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### Discovery Center's new app lets guests 'swim' with the salmon

Guests can steer a steamship, crank a turbine, and travel back in time to walk through a Tule lodge.

"I just tell them you have to see it to believe it," Lodge said.

Completely reimagined, the all-new center reopened in summer 2021 offering four floors of stories, games, history and art - plus big

views of the river and the unique landscape of the Columbia River valley.

"One of the best things about the Discovery Center is that guests can make the journey their own," said Bob Bauer, center education specialist. "If you're interested in wildlife, you can hear directly from biologists about the fish and animals that

make this area special.

"History buffs will see and hear the words of public power visionaries. Children can make their own energy, and everyone can test their skill as a steamboat pilot. "There's else nothing like it in this entire region."

Discovery Center staff are helpful guides, able to answer questions and offer

tips on the must-see exhibits.

The memories, accomplishments and visions for the future play out in exhibits that include "The Living River," "Hydro Health," "The People's Power," and "Careers."

Throughout are examples of the benefits the Columbia River brings to the people, plants and creatures that live along its shores and in its nurturing water.

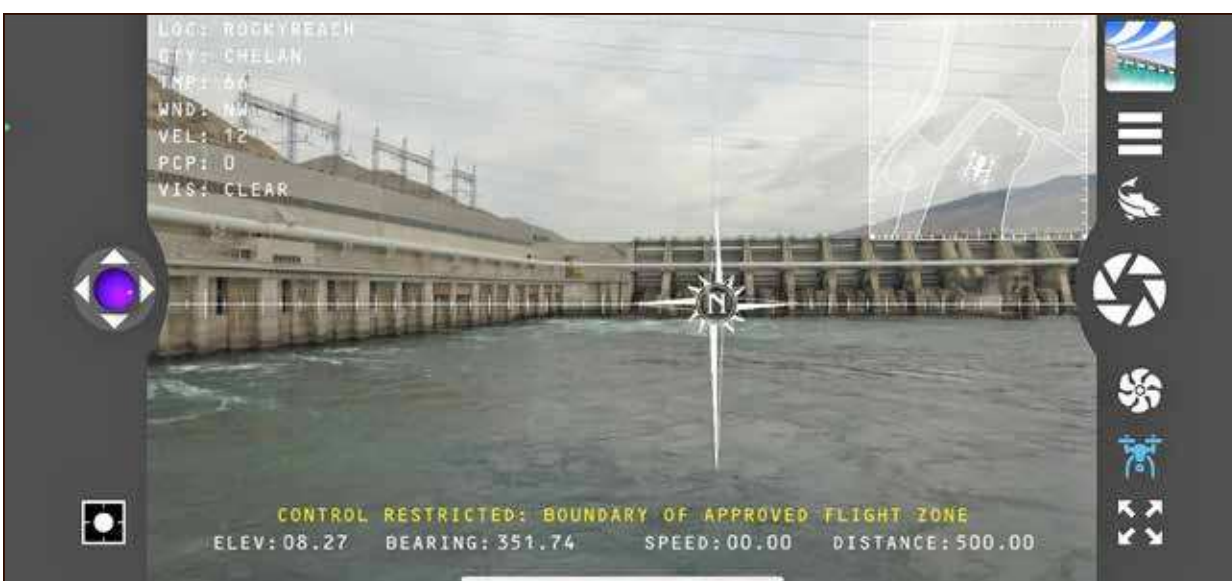
The Discovery Center also is the place for folks looking for a cozy spot to watch the snow fall or spot bighorn

sheep moving across the hills. Warm drinks, breakfast, lunch and treats are available for purchase at the Rocky Reach Café inside the center.

Both are open Tuesday-

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# Leavenworth's Own Miss America Celebrates 50th Anniversary!



SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY LAUREL BOZOUKOFF - MISS AMERICA

Just crowned! Miss America 1972.

By xx

Leavenworth resident Laurel Schaefer-Bozoukoff and Miss America 1972 just returned with her husband, Michael Bozoukoff, after attending Miss America's 100th Anniversary and being honored for her 50th Anniversary, 1971-2021.

The event was held at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut, and was Live Stream on NBC Peacock at 8 PM (EST) on Thursday, December 16th.

Laurel was a Miss America ahead of her time. She had already graduated from Ohio University Athens, OH) with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree before winning Miss Ohio 1971 and Miss America 1972.

She was the first Miss America to introduce the concept of a social issue

platform to bring more substance and relativity to her year.

Being an outspoken advocate for the military and the daughter of a WW11 Navy Veteran, Laurel showed support and solidarity for our U.S. military service members by wearing a pewter wristband inscribed with the name of a POW/MIA.

Laurel focused on specific talking points for press conferences, TV talk shows, news interviews, publications, and presentations to counter negative press, anti-war demonstrations, and radical social doctrines.

Today, Laurel's idea has morphed into what is known as the Social Impact Initiative that is an integral element for Miss America 2.0 judging and selection

system.

Laurel remains active serving as a judge for Miss America state competitions, most recently, Miss Washington 2019 and Miss Ohio 2021.

As Miss America, Laurel traveled over 100,000 miles, was the last Miss America to headline a USO Tour to Vietnam & Thailand, cut the ribbon for Walt Disney World (Orlando), threw out the first ball at the World Series, met with President Nixon in the Oval Office and performed our National Anthem at President Nixon's Inauguration (1973).

She's the recipient of numerous awards including, The American Academy of Achievement's Gold Plate Award, Ohio Governor's Award, The Tom Dooley Humanitarian Award, Zonta International President's Leadership Award, Ohio University's Distinguished Alumni Award, and listings in Who's Who, IMDb and Wikipedia.

Laurel is the owner and casting director for Creative Casting Services, specializing in children's commercials and 3D animated feature films. She is currently working on two feature film projects.

Laurel has enjoyed over 40 years as a stage and television actress, concert singer, and featured keynote speaker.

In 2010, she took a "right angle" from her entertainment career to become a Regional Educational Coordinator for the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (Department of



The Major and Miss America.

Defense).

At Camp Lejeune, NC, she worked with Marines and Sailors diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries (TBI), providing them with life coping strategies.

In 2016, Laurel became a certified brain injury specialist. Today, she presents TBI programs on "Aging & Cognitive Fitness."

In 2014, Laurel received a letter from fellow Ohio University classmate Michael Bozoukoff.

As an Air Force ROTC cadet, he remembered her attendance as a Lt. Colonel with Angel Flight (a

women's Air Force support group), and while he was receiving an outstanding cadet award, they shared a moment's gaze.

Now a retired Air Force Major and widower living in Washington State, Michael reached out to reconnect, and it worked! A long-distance relationship ensued.

Months of emails and phone calls turned into cross-country visits resulting in a marriage proposal at the college chapel where their eyes had met 43 years earlier.

In May 2015, they were married in Columbus,

Ohio, and soon after that, Michael brought his new wife to Leavenworth.

Known as "The Major and Miss America," Laurel often shares their Hallmark story as part of her testimony to patience, prayer, and perseverance.

Laurel is currently working on her first book, "The Last Miss America in Vietnam." Having traveled the United States extensively, she often is asked, "If you could live anywhere, where would it be?" Unequivocally, her answer is always Leavenworth, Washington.



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*Proposal includes facility modernization incentives for districts that “voluntarily” consolidate*

# Hawkins proposes bipartisan school district consolidation bill

By Brian Zylstra

OLYMPIA – Citing the high costs per student among small school districts and the opportunity for more efficient use of state and local tax dollars, 12th District Sen. Brad Hawkins (R-East Wenatchee) announced today that he has prefiled Senate Bill 5487, a bipartisan proposal to incentivize school district consolidation.

The ranking Republican on the Senate’s Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee and former school board president is the proposal’s prime sponsor. Hawkins’ committee colleague, Sen. Jamie Pedersen (D-Seattle), is the bill’s lead bipartisan co-sponsor.

Hawkins stated that the average cost during the 2019-2020 school year in state and local dollars was \$13,879 per student.

Small school districts in Hawkins’ legislative district, for example, spent as much as \$22,125 (Orondo), \$26,342 (Mansfield), and \$28,745 (Palisades) that year per student.

Hawkins said that smaller dis-

tricts tend to spend much more per student due largely to their higher central administration, building administration, and facility maintenance costs.

He believes it would be more efficient for taxpayers if some of those districts partnered with nearby neighboring districts, spreading central administration and maintenance costs across more students.

“I’ve been encouraging my legislative colleagues to think differently about how we deliver educational services,” Hawkins said.

“If we were to reimagine school districts today based on what we spend on education, we wouldn’t draw up 295 different school districts in our state, especially when many of the small school districts are spending much more than the state average per student. It doesn’t make sense for the taxpayers.”

Hawkins bill would provide the new districts with a 10-year boost in their School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP)

formula, a state capital budget program that awards matching funds to school districts whose communities approve construction bonds for school renovations.

In structuring the bill this way, he said taxpayers could receive long-term benefits in school district operational efficiencies while also assisting districts with their school facility modernizations. This is something small school districts need and something provided for already in the capital budget.

“Legislators are in the ‘carrots-and-sticks’ business, and I’ve always preferred the carrots. We can’t expect things to change unless we come up with creative options. I think a ‘voluntary, incentives-based’ consolidation bill might avoid the controversy of past proposals and prompt some healthy and candid conversations,” Hawkins said.

The prefiled bill is eligible for consideration in the 2022 legislative session, which begins on Jan. 10.

## Single-use utensils no longer automatically given after Jan. 1, 2022

By Megan Sokol

Hospitality sectors all over Wash. State will stop automatically serving customers single-use utensils after Jan. 1, 2022.

This law is part of a series of changes published in SB 5022 on July 25, 2021. This law is centered on reducing waste and littering for the foreseeable future. Single-use utensils that will be limited include straws, cold beverage cup lids (not including drive-thru beverages), forks, spoons, knives, and condiment packaging.

12th District Representative Keith Goehner (R) explains how this change is not a total ban on single-use utensils, and will still be provided upon customer request.

“It will obviously be more of a responsibility on the patron to make the requests for the utensils.”

This change will focus on restaurants, food trucks, or any other commercial food venue. Hospitality sectors within health-care or long-term medical facilities are not affected by this new change.

The next change will be enacted on June 1, 2023, prohibiting the selling and distributing of polystyrene void filling packaging products, or what is better known as packing peanuts.



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## Out with the old...

By RuthEdna Keys/LCM

Work crews made quick work of demolishing the North Cascades Bank building, on the corner of Johnson and Emerson in Chelan in December to make way for a new building to be built 2022.

Crews started on Wednesday, Dec. 1 and by Friday, Dec. 3 afternoon, the only thing left was the safe and big piles of rubble.

The first branch of North Cascades Bank opened on December 6, 1986, in Chelan.

A second branch soon opened in Omak, followed by others in seven more communities, and there are now nine branches serving all North Central Washington.

In 2013, North Cascades Bank



joined the Glacier family of banks (Glacier Bancorp, Inc.), a regional bank holding company headquartered in Kalispell, Montana.

Glacier Bank operates bank divisions in seven states, including Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Washington, Arizona, and Wyoming.

## ...To make way for the new

Rimmer & Roeter Construction of Wenatchee is the general contractor for the new North Cascades Bank building. Architect is Dykeman Architecture & Design.

Construction will begin in the first quarter of 2022 on the 15,000 square foot, three story building, with a finish slated for January of 2023.

In the new building customers will enjoy an updated lobby experience with easier access to customer service and restrooms.

It will also offer two fully functional drive thru lanes, a convenient bike rack, and two electric vehicle charging stations.

Once finished the building will be

home to all of the banks over 40 employees.

Several of their back-end departments, such as their call center and electronic banking department have worked in another building across the alley from the main office building.

Courtesy North Cascades Bank  
Rimmer & Roeter Construction of Wenatchee  
Photo: North Cascades Bank Architects  
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## BNCW EVENTS

### BNCW’s January Board of Directors Meeting

■ **Wednesday, January x, 2022**  
7:00am to 9:00am

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

**Chairman: Jeff Story**

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.

### NOTICE – CLASS RESCHEDULED! BNCW’s EPA Certified Lead-Safety Training

■ **January x, 2022** from 8:00am to 5:00pm  
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Check-in is at 7:45am.

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This certification training course is required for any contractor that is involved in any activity that will - or has the potential to - disturb six square feet of lead-based paint in a room, or 20 square feet on the exterior.

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## Confluence Health hires Director of Marketing and Communications

By Jennifer Korfiatis  
Confluence Health  
Communications, Liaison

WENATCHEE – Confluence Health has hired **Katie Grove** as the Director of Marketing and Communications.

Grove assumed the post on December 13, 2021 and is tasked with designing strategies to build and support the complex marketing and communications needs of the regional health system.

Grove brings more than 15 years of experience to Confluence Health, most recently as the Marketing and Community Relations Manager for Columbia Valley Community Health where she was part of a team that increased new patient care by 28%.

Her experience includes monitoring a broad range of physical and digital deliverables for quality and performance while supporting existing partnerships and forging collaborative relationships with health and community service peers

in NCW and across the country. Her prior experience as a Marketing and Communications Specialist



**Katie Grove**

for CMI Orchards provides rare insight to the regional agricultural community and the needs that arise from this primary industry of the region.

In addition, Grove lends her talents to the Pybus Foundation Board of Directors where she serves as the Marketing Committee Chair and was a founding Board member of

Wenatchee Pride.

“I identify wholeheartedly with the values held by Confluence Health and am honored to be joining such a talented team. Communication in health care is critically important, and to best serve the needs of our community, our team is growing.

“I look forward to bringing additional talent to Confluence Health as the Marketing and Communications department expands,” commented Grove.

### About Confluence Health:

Confluence Health is an integrated healthcare delivery system that includes two hospitals, more than 40 medical specialties and primary care, and provides comprehensive medical care throughout North Central Washington. Confluence Health serves as the major medical provider between Seattle and Spokane.

The organization is focused on delivering high-quality, safe, compassionate, and cost-effective care close to home.

## Chelan County’s Community Development director resigns

Community Development Director Jim Brown handed in his resignation Monday, December 27, to Chelan County Commissioners.

Brown, who was hired to lead the county’s planning department in April 2020, gave commissioners notice that his last day will be Jan. 31.

He is leaving the county for a new position with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Bob Bugert, chairman of the Chelan County Board of Commissioners, thanks Brown for his time with the county and for leaving the department in a better place.

“Jim’s resignation is very unfortunate.

Under his leadership, the county has made great progress in restructuring the department,” Bugert said.

“This past year, there have been challenges that have led to a difficult work environment for Jim and his staff. I am

hoping the building community partners with us in our continuing work toward building a healthy planning department.”

In his letter of resignation, Brown wrote that among his accomplishments as di-



**Jim Brown**

rector was the recruitment of highly competent and talented staff, the establishment of a new short-term rental code and division, the adoption of a new Critical Areas Ordinance and assisting with the creation of a new Code Enforcement Division that is now within the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office.

“This position has afforded me personal and professional growth and an opportunity to have built new relationships that would have

never happened had I not accepted this position,” he wrote.

Commissioners have not yet determined a process for replacing Brown; they are expected to have that discussion next week when they are back in session.

## Mt. Stuart Physical Therapy brings on two new staff members



**Ben Gilkison**



**Heather Butler**

By Kelly Hassinger  
Mt. Stuart PT Office Manager

Mt. Stuart and MultiCare Medical would like to welcome it’s two newest employees, **Ben Gilkison** DPT and **Heather Butler** PTA to their Leavenworth clinic.

Ben comes to us from a bustling Gig Harbor Clinic after graduating from USP in 2017, with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

He treats a wide variety of musculoskeletal conditions with a focus on balance and vestibular rehabilitation and a special interest in rehab for runners and climbers. He has been exploring the mountains and rocks of the Cascades for over 25 years and recently moved to the Leavenworth area with his wife and two children.

Heather Butler returns to Mt.

Stuart with 7 years’ experience as a Physical Therapy Assistant after working with us as many years ago as support staff.

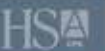
Heather is a Leavenworth native and is passionate about serving her local community with her Physical Therapy skills. She loves spending time with her family, trail running through the mountains, as well as finding new places to handstand on her many adventures.

Heather and Ben both look forward to providing professional Physical Therapy care for Wenatchee Valley residents and Mt. Stuart in Leavenworth.

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## Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center welcomes new Board Members For Chelan & Douglas Counties



David Garcia

By Jennifer Talbot, WVDRC Executive Director

Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center (WVDRC) is pleased to welcome David Garcia and Billie Bohannon to the organization's Board of Directors.

David Garcia is an assistant principal for Eastmont School district and serves on the Eastmont Foundation Board.

He grew up in the Wenatchee Valley and offers a diverse background and connections in our community.

David is eager to in-

crease the visibility and benefits of conflict resolution services.

Billie Bohannon works as a realtor for Keller Williams NCW. She volunteers with Serve Wenatchee and serves on the committee for Building North Central Washington (BNCW).

Billie looks forward to getting involved and giving back to our community and sharing her skills in networking and collaboration.

WVDRC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving Chelan and Douglas counties, has a mission of changing relationships through peaceful conflict resolution. Its mission is achieved by providing cost effective mediation, training, community education, and other programs.

The organization continues to seek additional Board members and volunteers.

For more information, please contact WVDRC via their website at [www.wvdr.org](http://www.wvdr.org) or call (509) 888-0957.



Billie Bohannon



Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center (WVDRC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving Chelan and Douglas counties and dedicated to changing relationships through peaceful conflict resolution. Together with a team of volunteer mediators, WVDRC provides cost effective mediation services, conflict resolution training, and community education. PO Box 3391 (5 S Wenatchee Ave, Ste 210), Wenatchee, Washington 98807

## Okanogan County PUD helps ratepayers keep the lights on

By Mike Maltais

OKANOGAN – The Okanogan County PUD has been doing its part to help ratepayers affected economically by the COVID pandemic.

“More than half a million dollars in payment assistance has gone toward Okanogan County PUD bills in 2021, according to a report at the board's Dec. 13 meeting,” wrote PUD public relations coordinator Sheila Corson.

“In 2019, that number was just shy of \$350,000, then in 2020 it was just over \$360,000, according to information from Customer Service Supervisor Mindy Morris.”

The funds came from state, federal and other nonprofit coffers, especially due to the pandemic.

Although many utilities are still struggling across the state to catch up on arrearages after the state lifted its moratorium on disconnects, extra efforts by PUD customer service in particular helped customers avoid large deficits.

Morris said they have 17 long-term COVID payment arrangements for just over \$8,000. Just under \$4,000 is



more than 90 days past due, better than in March 2020 when the pandemic began at nearly \$6,000.

Overall, customer relationships and connections are keeping past-due amounts better than normal.

More than \$93,200 in late fees were not assessed from April 2020 to September 2021.

Commissioners commended staff efforts in keeping customers current and providing guidance to access assistance and set up payment arrangements.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the updated PUD district boundaries, required after the 2020 Census. The districts had only a few small changes in the Omak and Okanogan areas.

- Approved the PUD's Clean Energy Implementation Plan, one of the re-

quired reports as part of the Clean Energy Transformation Act. It is available to be viewed on the PUD website.

- Heard an update about the 2022 hybrid legislative session from Jason Herbert of Energy Northwest, who will provide legislative support services for the PUD.

- Heard the annual dam safety training from Catrin Bryan of McMillen Jacobs Associates.

- Heard that as of November, wholesale power sales revenue was more than budgeted by \$109,046; and as of October, retail power sales revenue was \$1.1 million more than budgeted.

- Heard that the PUD has installed 105 new fiber connections this year – by far the most for any other year. Because of fiber supply issues, the PUD has had to prioritize projects as they wait for supply orders to come in. Along with wireless subscribers, there are now 3,796 total end users.

- Scheduled future board meetings for Jan. 10 and 24; Feb. 14 and 28; and March 14 and 28.

# Minimum wage, overtime, and workers' comp premium changes take effect in January

Submitted by xx

TUMWATER – Changes in the minimum wage, overtime for white-collar professionals, overtime for agricultural workers, and workers' compensation premiums will take effect Jan. 1, 2022.

The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) is sending out this reminder for businesses and employees.

### The minimum wage

The state's minimum wage will increase to \$14.49 per hour starting Jan. 1, 2022. It's based on a 5.83

percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics attributed the increase to more expensive gas, housing, household furnishings, and food.

The state minimum wage applies to workers age 16 and older. Under state law, employers may pay 85 percent of the minimum wage to workers ages 14-15. For 2022, the wage for that younger age group will be \$12.32 per hour.

Cities are able to set minimum

wages higher than the state's. Both Seattle and SeaTac have higher wages.

### Overtime-exempt employees

The minimum salary an employee must earn to be considered overtime-exempt will rise on Jan. 1, 2022. This covers “white collar” positions held by executive, administrative, and professional workers. It also includes computer professionals and outside salespeople.

Among the requirements to be exempt from the state Minimum Wage Act, salaried employees must meet the job duties test and earn at least a minimum salary of \$1,014.30 a week (\$52,743.60 a year). That rate is 1.75 times the minimum wage.

### Agricultural overtime

Under an historic new law, Washington's farmworkers will be eligible to earn overtime, for the first time, starting in 2022.

The law includes a three-year



phase-in schedule. It incrementally reduces the number of hours worked by farmworkers before they are entitled to overtime pay:

- As of Jan. 1, 2022: 55 hours in a workweek;
- As of Jan. 1, 2023: 48 hours in a workweek; and,
- As of Jan. 1, 2024: 40 hours in a workweek.

Dairy workers are already eligible to earn overtime after working 40 hours in a workweek.

### Workers' comp premiums

The average workers' compensation premium rate for hours worked in 2022 will go up 3.1 percent effective Jan. 1.

L&I has built a contingency reserve over the years by carefully managing rate increases and keeping program costs

down through improved health and return-to-work outcomes for workers. Those strategic decisions cushioned what could have been a larger rate increase. The rate increase addresses the rising costs due to cost-of-living adjustments for long-term cases, triggered by a rise in the state's average wage.

With this rate increase, the average rate per \$100 of payroll in 2022 will be \$1.53, a 1.4 percent increase over 2021. Individual employers may see their rates go up or down, depending on their recent claim history and changes in the frequency and cost of claims in their industry risk classes. Workers will continue to pay on average about a quarter of the premium, a similar percentage to that paid in 2021.



# REAL ESTATE

## TOP PROPERTIES - NOVEMBER 2021

Buyer	Seller	Sale Price	Street	City	Market
OM SHREE SAI LLC	BHG WENATCHEE LLC	\$8,800,000	WENATCHEE AVE	WENATCHEE2	\$4,725,719
A HOME DOCTOR INC	SKELTON NORVIN E	\$30,000	GOOSE ROCK LN	MALAGA	\$126,170
AMBROSE CHRISTINE & BATTOCCHI SCOTT	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$337,250	COTTAGE LN	CHELAN	\$218,960
ARNOLD TORSTEN K INHERITANCE TRT	BROWN THOMAS J & LISA M	\$40,000			\$26,371
BACKSTROM STEPHEN V & ANN E	HARRISON STANLEY G & KAREN L	\$1,100,000	OLD BRIDGE RD	LEAVENWORTH	\$675,726
BACON MITCHELL W & AUDREY L	YUHAS PAULINE M	\$875,000	EAGLE CREEK RD	LEAVENWORTH	\$584,926
BAKER DELEANNA L & STEVEN M	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$292,000	COTTAGE LN	CHELAN	\$218,960
BAKER L CLINTON ETAL	MARSHLAIN KENNETH W & TEENA J	\$615,000	GOLF COURSE DR	CHELAN	\$497,385
BARTH DONALD ETAL	RC SCHOOL LLC	\$1,200,000	WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	\$944,528
BAUDER JOSEPH E & KAITLIN C	BELMONT CLATON S	\$715,000	PICKENS ST	WENATCHEE	\$495,994
BIRD TRAVIS J & KIRSTIN	PINTO THISARA	\$220,000	UNASSIGNED	CASHMERE	\$180,023
BOREALIS LLC	MC NEILLY DOUGLAS S	\$240,000	AIRPORT RD	CASHMERE	\$190,440
BOYD JESSE H ETAL	BOYD JESSE H	\$44,700	SKI HILL DR	LEAVENWORTH	\$615,804
BUDISELICH WACO & CARL PAMELA	BUDISELICH WACO	\$439,814	TURK RD	MANSON	\$547,673
CANO RICHARD M II	GODBEY LARRY L	\$370,000	9TH ST	WENATCHEE	\$349,141
CARBONEAU PATRICK R	GRIFFITH TIMOTHY W	\$275,000	WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	\$350,658
CARLISLE TODD H & TOOHEY MAURA P	SHIMP RYAN	\$565,000	US HWY 2	LAKE WENATCHEE	\$397,322
CARLSON TERRY & MONICA	GOSSELIN ERNEST H	\$550,000	MANSON BLVD	MANSON	\$375,034
CARNAHAN BRIAN & YVETTE	DE MUTH RAYMOND P	\$370,000	HILL ST	WENATCHEE	\$271,799
CARPENTER DAVID & GRETCHEN ETAL	MEREDITH KEITH G & MOLLY M	\$1,350,000	BOBCAT LN	CHELAN	\$747,928
CARRASQUERO JOSE	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$281,000	COTTAGE LN	CHELAN	\$218,960
CHELAN HOSPITALITY HOLDINGS LLC	EGN LEGACY LLC	\$5,500,000	FRONT ST	LEAVENWORTH	\$218,157
CHELAN VALLEY PROPERTIES LLC	PIROG ROBERT M & DONNA J	\$1,000,000	KATALPA LN	MANSON	\$478,914
CISNEROS EDUVIGES DE FLORES	AVILA MIGUEL & MA LEONOR	\$13,000	WENATCHEE AVE	WENATCHEE	\$5,902
CITY OF CHELAN	WASHINGTON STATE DOT	\$20,700	CANYON PL	CHELAN	\$0
COMSTOCK DEVON & SEAN C	JOHNSON BENJAMIN W	\$449,000	MARIE AVE	WENATCHEE	\$359,813
COSGRIFF CHRISTOPHER	ZANE AND MARY SCHAFFER 2007 RVC TRUST	\$895,000	SHORE DR	LAKE WENATCHEE	\$510,057
COWEN JEFFREY T & STACY M	WOLF JEFFREY & MICHELLE	\$625,000	1ST ST	WENATCHEE	\$353,124
CROSSMAN MARIA E	LEHMAN DWANE M	\$315,000	HERITAGE DR	WENATCHEE	\$220,947
CROW STEPHANIE L & CLYDE W	ANDERSON LARRY R ETAL	\$300,000	BALSAM DR	CHELAN	\$128,829
CRUNCH PAK REAL ESTATE LLC	HAVERFIELD RODNEY A	\$15,000	UNASSIGNED	CASHMERE	\$499
CRUZ AMY & TRAVIS	SHOOP CHARLES W	\$255,000	SHETLAND RD	PLAIN	\$165,679
DARLING DAWN REBECCA	BABIAR CARL JR	\$55,000	GLACIER VALLEY LN	LEAVENWORTH	\$249,000
DAVIDSON MICHAEL & LARSON KIMBERLEY	DAVIDSON LEONARD C & CATHERINE A	\$220,000	DAVIS AVE	ENTIAT	\$181,158
DIEDERICH LISA & BAKER DOROTHY M	PRESTON LEON & ANNE	\$1,150,000	CHATHAM HILL RD	WENATCHEE	\$757,735
DRY CREEK LW LAND LLC	TENNEY EDWARD D & KATHRYN A	\$175,000	UNASSIGNED	LEAVENWORTH	\$671
ELLIOTT JAMES M II	SEYSTER JOLLY ANN	\$600,000	WOODWARD DR	WENATCHEE	\$417,472
ETZKORN RICHARD & CLAUDIA	BROWN MARY JANE	\$409,000	ZAGER RD	MONITOR	\$248,795
FALLON EDDIE & CHERRY FAMILY TRUST	SPERRY MICHAEL W & ELIZABETH D	\$320,000	UNASSIGNED	MANSON	\$189,182
FALLON KATHERINE E	BACKSTROM STEPHEN V & ANN E	\$690,000	CENTER ST	LEAVENWORTH	\$316,845
FINNEGAN ALYSON M & GERARD M	HILL CHARLES WILLIAM L	\$575,000	ALDER LN	LAKE WENATCHEE	\$384,904
FISCHER TYLER & HANNAH	SMITH RAY L	\$365,000	MYLIUS RD	MONITOR	\$291,873
FRANKLIN RICHARD S & BARBARA D	WAILES DAVID L	\$1,500,000	DRIFTWOOD LN	CHELAN	\$1,079,702
GILBERT GREGORY L & TERI D	MARTIN DEAN P & JOANNE P LIVING TRUST	\$1,150,000	SR 150	CHELAN	\$705,003
GONZALEZ CRUZ RODOLFO & LIANE	BATY CHARLES R	\$180,000	UNASSIGNED	LAKE WENATCHEE	\$105,156
GONZALEZ ELIECER D ETAL	DSJS LAND LLC	\$40,000	UNASSIGNED	CHELAN	\$47,000
GONZALEZ MARTINEZ ABRAHAM	HELLIGSO SETH E Z & GENEVIEVE I	\$374,900	HANSEL LN	PESHASTIN	\$180,391
GRAHAM JOHN E & BONNIE J	PETERSON RICHARD & JUDITH	\$2,000	PARK & WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	\$2,800
GRANADO MARQUO & LANGARICA SOLIS MARIA T ETAL	SODERSTROM DAVID R & JENNIFER K	\$50,000	UNASSIGNED	CHELAN	\$47,180
GRAY MICHAEL J	GRAY TERESA	\$50,000	MILL RD	CASHMERE	\$163,624
GRUBB PATRICIA J	STONE JOSEPH ALONZO & CAROLE	\$375,000	CENTRAL AVE	WENATCHEE	\$295,082
GUTIERREZ FELIPE N & ANDREA K	PAYNE ELENA R & AARON G	\$437,000	HIGHLAND DR	WENATCHEE	\$361,757
HALL SCOTT I & CATHERINE A REVOCABLE TRUST	BUSSER STEVEN W & LYNN M	\$753,000	STARLIGHT AVE	WENATCHEE	\$542,388
HANSEN MELVIN & LINDA	PENNINGTON PHILLIP & MARCIE	\$450,000	WESTERN AVE	WENATCHEE	\$282,875
HAVERFIELD RODNEY A	CRUNCH PAK REAL ESTATE LLC	\$7,841	UNASSIGNED	CASHMERE	\$156,816
HERGERT TAMARA A & MATTHEW	COBERLY LEGACY TRUST	\$900,000	LAKE WENATCHEE HWY	LAKE WENATCHEE	\$747,418
HIEBEL PATRICK & AMY	SIRIDAKIS JAMES P	\$455,000	MANSON RD	CHELAN	\$256,547
HONEYCUTT KRISTEN M & NICHOLAS D	WITT DAVID G & LUCINDA M	\$390,000	PINE LOOP	PLAIN	\$202,124
HURD TIMOTHY S	ORR EVAN/MILDRED	\$789,900	ALPENSEE STRASSE	LEAVENWORTH	\$387,410
IVANKOVICH DOMINIC & ERIN	CONGDON RICHARD S ETAL	\$499,000	LAKESHORE RD	CHELAN	\$447,761
JACKSON RANDALL V & PATRICIA K	MARS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	\$114,500	MISSION ST	WENATCHEE	\$119,150
JOURDAN ROBERT & JENNI	HARTWIG FLINT & JAMIE	\$975,000	MAIDEN LN	WENATCHEE	\$615,264
KATZBERG MARTIN A & MARY A	SCHWAB JEFFREY	\$145,000	MOUNTAIN BROOK LN	WENATCHEE	\$111,384
KING RANDY & RUSSELL ALICIA	ROJAS MARIA C & JORGE VILLAMIL	\$859,000	MCKITTRICK ST	WENATCHEE	\$634,818
KING RYAN C	BRENAN LAURIE HOLPP	\$112,500	UNASSIGNED	LAKE WENATCHEE	\$84,800
KLOSIEWSKI ERIK A & ROBYN M	NESHAM MICHAEL & HELEN	\$393,000	HARRISON ST	WENATCHEE	\$228,251
KMO HOLDINGS LLC	RUSSELL DANIEL & CINDY	\$850,000	UNASSIGNED	MALAGA	\$261,721
KOENS MICHAEL W & THERESA L	DSJS LLC	\$42,000	GEORGE GARTON RD	CHELAN	\$45,706
KOLEY CAROLINE L	PERKINS ROBERTA L	\$485,000	SENECA ST	WENATCHEE	\$308,046
KORR LLC	CHRISTENSON DONALD M & VICKI	\$1,499,000	PORCUPINE LN	CHELAN	\$798,339
KULAAS MARK D & KATHLEEN	WOOD TANA E	\$335,000	ELLIOTT AVE	WENATCHEE	\$214,326
LAMPHERE RYAN J & ELISE R	LANGE CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$629,900	ALLISON PL	ENTIAT	\$266,186
LANDRO JONNY & DENISE LIVING TRUST	LANDRO JONNY N & DENISE F	\$151,725	HIDDEN LN	CHELAN	\$151,725
LANE ANDREW N	ALANIZ MARY J & SIMON C	\$215,000	CHERRY ST	WENATCHEE	\$228,635
LANGE CONSTRUCTION LLC	MTNS LLC	\$105,000	ALLISON PL	ENTIAT	\$266,186
LARSEN JAMI	LUTON BRAD & ERIN	\$269,000	ENTIAT RIVER RD	ENTIAT	\$189,567

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Buyer	Seller	Sale Price	Street	City	Market
LARSEN JAMISON R & MORGAN K	LAVELLE BRENTEN & ROBIN	\$1,010,000	WENDING LN	LAKE WENATCHEE	\$751,586
LEONARD DANIEL	VOSSELER HAROLD & LAUREL	\$320,000	MISSION ST	WENATCHEE	\$139,172
LEOPOLD JAMES L	HOLDINGS JOHNSON & SMITH LLC	\$170,000	FRANKLIN ST	CHELAN	\$80,800
LIDYARD LORI A ROSE	MAYFIELD PENNY	\$245,000	UPPER RIDGE RD	CHELAN	\$180,792
LOGSDON DANIEL E & JEAN E	STOCKWELL SUSAN	\$410,000	MADISON ST	WENATCHEE	\$194,252
LONG PHILIP E & MARY B	SANDERSON JASON & SARAH	\$900,000	HEAVENLY PL	CHELAN	\$692,907
LOONEY MARY & LITTELL JUSTIN	STONE DAVID E & ROSE M	\$539,000	KAHLER DR	LAKE WENATCHEE	\$224,262
LOPEZ LAMAS HUGO D & SANCHEZ LEIDY ETAL	RODRIGUEZ TORIBIO	\$265,000	METHOW ST	WENATCHEE	\$159,752
LOTT ANDREW J JR & HOLLY J	KRISKA PATRIC K	\$760,000	DERBY CANYON RD	PESHASTIN	\$428,784
LSPI EXCHANGE CORP	TOMLINSON ANTHONY	\$250,000	PEAR LN	WENATCHEE	\$60,000
MADER PAULA R	DENNIS DAVID K & LINDA L	\$420,000	CHERRY ST	WENATCHEE	\$207,187
MASSEY JEFFREY & COURTNEY	COX SARA & MITCHELL FYAN	\$590,000	NASON RD	STEVENS PASS	\$218,648
MC CAULEY WENDY L & DION E	PELTZ REBECCA	\$574,000	ICICLE RD	LEAVENWORTH	\$361,463
MC LAUGHLIN JOHN G & LISA M	BURGENER ALBERT F	\$500,316	LEXINGTON PL	WENATCHEE	\$358,718
MC MAHON PATRICK G & JENNIFER CARLSON-MC MAHON	SSM FORTY INVESTMENT INC	\$74,950	W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	\$62,640
MCKENZIE TIMOTHY & ROBERTSON LISA A	FISHER TAMMY LUANN	\$594,000	SAGE GROUSE RD	WENATCHEE	\$384,606
MEEKHOF CASEY & ANGELA	SPRINKER NANCY C	\$895,000	SADDLE ST	PLAIN	\$553,000
MENDENHALL NICHOLAS S & BEAULIEU KRISTINA S	CLEMMONS DENNIS W	\$660,000	STETSON RD	PLAIN	\$404,731
MONACO ANGELINA	MONACO MICHAEL J	\$600,000	CENTER ST	LEAVENWORTH	\$435,894
MONAHAN JOSEPH T & ANGELA R	WAGNER WILLIAM & CHINH L NGUYEN	\$516,900	HONEYSETT RD	WENATCHEE	\$377,852
NEUBAUER MATTHEW & CASSEY	KREBS MICHAEL C	\$526,000	AGATE PL	WENATCHEE	\$353,850
OLSON ASHLEY E	BENRUD SONJA B	\$405,000	JEFFREY CT	WENATCHEE	\$239,249
PANKALLA JOHANNA	FEINSTEIN STEVE S	\$1,995,000	BLEWETT RIDGE DR	PESHASTIN	\$971,677
PEART BROOKE	HAUGE CHRISTOPHER	\$610,000	BRYAN ST	WENATCHEE	\$489,225
PERRON ELENA & ERIC	SHUMATE CYNTHIA L	\$1,250,000	PORCUPINE LN	CHELAN	\$654,592
PIAZZA AARON & GUSARSON ELIZABETH	PLAIN HOLDING LLP	\$725,000	RIVER RD	PLAIN	\$375,881
PICARD JONATHON ETAL	ROGERS LILLIAN J	\$412,000	SANDY BROOKE	WENATCHEE	\$209,417
PINNEO BRADLEY J & JANET L	BERDAN FAMILY HOLDINGS LLC	\$370,000	EDGEMONT DR	WENATCHEE	\$122,918
PINNEO BRADLEY J & JANET L	BERDAN FAMILY HOLDINGS LLC	\$370,000	UNASSIGNED	WENATCHEE	\$123,082
POTTER WESTON M & HOLLIE T	QIU LIBIN	\$468,000	ROYAL ANNE DR	WENATCHEE	\$322,037
PUGET SOUND QUALITY CONSTRUCTION INC	MARTIN BRENTON J & JAMIE L	\$229,000	ORCHARD VIEW DR	CHELAN	\$124,410
RATNA TANUS SUZANNA RVCBLE TRUST	CETO NICHOLAS III & MARY L	\$1,080,000	ALPENSEE STRASSE	LEAVENWORTH	\$611,477
REEDER JORDAN & JENNA	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$370,000	DRAGONFLY CT	CHELAN	\$273,700
REEDER MICHAEL P & JOANNE M ETAL	GRAVES KATHLEEN	\$515,000	EAGLE VIEW DR	MALAGA	\$385,066
REHMS JESSICA E & COSTELLO CASEY D	OLIVEROS MAGDALENA ETAL	\$390,000	MONTANA CT	WENATCHEE	\$267,564
REINER JASON & MELISSA	SHULL DEL	\$390,000	CHELAN RANCH RD	CHELAN	\$125,603
RODRIGUEZ ALVARO & NORMA A	REESER DENNIS L & LAUREL M	\$454,950	CONARTY RD	MALAGA	\$381,766
RODRIGUEZ PERES GABRIEL & DREYER SAMANTA	COWIE PAUL	\$500,000	US HWY 97	CHELAN	\$545,039
ROMAY SANTIAGO OSMANY MACHU	GUTIERREZ CANDELARIA	\$3,000	BOODRY ST	WENATCHEE	\$3,309
ROMIG EARL & HEATH ANITA F	EMERSON JOHN B & KATIE J	\$191,360	ROPER LN	WENATCHEE	\$234,158
SANDERSON JASON & SARAH	LONG PHILIP E	\$900,000	US HWY 97A	CHELAN	\$1,378,423
SANGSTER CHAD ETAL	WEBSTER DOUGLASS R & LORRAINE TRUSTEES	\$110,000	LAURIE DR	WENATCHEE	\$94,428
SCHADE BONNIE E	SODERSTROM DAVID & JENNIFER	\$68,000	UNASSIGNED	CHELAN	\$77,000
SCHARFENBERG DANA & THOMAS	CROW RHETT & KENDRA	\$159,000	PAINTBRUSH RD	CHELAN	\$65,805
SHALLOW MARK & MONICA	BYERSDORF HEATHER & NELS	\$360,000	STETSON RD	PLAIN	\$188,375
SIMPSON KELLEY R	LABOUNTY HAZEL I	\$366,000	WHITE BIRCH PL	CASHMERE	\$235,436
SLAY SAMUEL & SARAH	RADKE PHYLLIS	\$535,000	CAMPBELL RD	PESHASTIN	\$394,807
SLONE JUSTIN A & RACHEL P	HAMLIN JUSTIN C	\$480,000	BAYSHORE LN	MANSON	\$208,980
SMITH E MARK & TERESA S	REEVES FREELAND	\$360,000	KINSEY RD	MANSON	\$344,366
SMITS TYLER J & LORI M	BRITTON PATRICK	\$255,000	BIRCH ST	LEAVENWORTH	\$150,000
SOUTHARD MANDY	SHANNON ALVIN R	\$80,000	ENTIAT RIVER RD	ENTIAT	\$135,192
SQUIRREL MISSION LLC INC	GRAND COLUMBIA COUNCIL	\$74,000	MISSION RIDGE RD	WENATCHEE	\$62,610
STCLAIR LISA S	RYAN KATHERINE M	\$324,138	HIGHLAND DR	WENATCHEE	\$199,148
STOREY HAROLD	CRAIN ALAN K	\$760,000	FOREST RIDGE DR	WENATCHEE	\$619,323
SUPER PETER P & KENDRA L	WELLS CLIFFORD FAMILY TRUST	\$635,000	SAGE GROUSE RD	WENATCHEE	\$414,914
SUTHERLIN SULLY & NICKIE	MC CANNON JEFFREY & STACY	\$125,000	W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	\$130,500
SWANER WADE & LINZIE	COOPER JEFF & RENEE	\$95,000	MCGINTY LN	CHELAN	\$85,656
TALBOT BLUECHEL REBECCA L & BLUECHEL GORDON B	JOHNSON JEFFREY J & LISI S OTT	\$799,000	UNASSIGNED	LEAVENWORTH	\$92,672
TEUTSCH ALAINA & NEAL	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$370,000	BLUEBELL CT	CHELAN	\$273,700
TINOCO ANDREINA & AGRELLA RENATO	CROSS CREEK FARM LLC	\$529,000	CHUMSTICK HWY	LEAVENWORTH	\$137,024
TOBEL TREVER & TORBENSON KARIN	SAXBY FREDERICK E	\$275,000	WILSON ST	CHELAN	\$355,976
TONTINI JEFFREY S & KARI D LIVING TRUST	TONTINI NEVIO E JR & ELIZABETH A LIVING TRUST	\$63,557	IDAHO ST	WENATCHEE	\$357,980
TWEDT RICHARD D & ERIN A	HOUZE ROBERT&BONNIE	\$202,500	MORGAN ST	PLAIN	\$137,376
UTT JOSHUA A & CLOT KACI M	SCHILPEROORT JULIA A	\$425,000	UNASSIGNED	CASHMERE	\$1,029
VANDEMAN JACQUELINE A	MONAHAN JOSEPH T & ANGELA R	\$420,000	MONROE ST	WENATCHEE	\$272,242
VICKREY RANDALL T	PFANNENSTIEL ROBERT S	\$415,000	ALPINE PL	LEAVENWORTH	\$349,797
VOHRA ADIT & RAMEN	KASSNER EDUARDO J & VIVIAN E	\$225,000	TERRACE DR	MANSON	\$149,040
WA LEAVENWORTH MEADOWS LLC	UPPER VALLEY MEND	\$2,744,642	UNASSIGNED	LEAVENWORTH	\$69,300
WALKER MAXWELL A & CAROLYN M	SZABO ALEX	\$395,000	UNASSIGNED	LEAVENWORTH	\$87,246
WALKER RACHAEL K & JASON L	BOEHL KURT E ETAL	\$580,500	LILLY LN	WENATCHEE	\$391,522
WALKER ROBERT G	KIDD JEROD R & ANGELINA	\$216,000	CENTER ST	LEAVENWORTH	\$150,000
WALTON CINDY & JAMES	DAVIS JEFFREY & LINDA	\$400,000	4TH ST	CHELAN FALLS	\$164,986
WATTERS CORY D & GAYDA KATERINA	JONES RONALD L	\$595,000	DANAWOOD DR	WENATCHEE	\$313,537
WEBER NOLAN C & MARTIN BRITTNEY M	PALMER DANIEL L & SHELLEY M DAYLEY	\$250,000	FULLER ST	WENATCHEE	\$136,945
WELHOELTER BRIAN D & SHEILA R	MICHAEL MATTHEW	\$377,500	HISTORIC LN	WENATCHEE	\$265,195
WENATCHEE MALAGA HOLDINGS LLC	CX3 LLC	\$3,000,000	MALAGA AVE	WENATCHEE	\$841,592
WERDELL JOEL D & AMANDA C	GROEN LUKE & SYDNEY	\$1,200,000	BIN YARD LN	LEAVENWORTH	\$640,356
WILLIAMS GREGORY A & MELISSA L	BRIGLEB ALLISON L	\$650,000	SUMMER HILL PL	WENATCHEE	\$508,950
YANG & LIU INVESTMENT LLC	CHIN JOHN G & MEEMEE S AW-CHIN	\$620,000	WENATCHEE AVE	WENATCHEE	\$303,287
ZELAYA ADONIS E	MARTIN JEAN M ETAL	\$229,000	OKANOGAN AVE	WENATCHEE	\$213,249





MIKE MALTAIS/QCH

Carlos Henriquez, right, with wife Zuni, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Wellspring of Life Community Church that the couple opened in the Foursquare Building at 1300 Foster Avenue in July 2000.

## Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce welcomes new president

By Mike Maltais

BRIDGEPORT – The city’s Chamber of Commerce has a new president, Carlos Henriquez, co-pastor of the Wellspring of Life Community Church who took over the helm last August.

Henriquez and wife, Zuni, dedicated the Wellspring of Life Community Church in the Foursquare Building at 1300 Foster Avenue in July 2000 two years after the Bridgeport Community Church closed unexpectedly, taking with it the food bank that had served community members for more than a decade.

The co-pastors moved to Bridgeport from Moses Lake early in 2019 to open the Wellspring of Life Community Church. Then set to work to restore the food distribution services despite a lack of storage freezers and other equipment that had been donated away after the Bridgeport Food Bank was forced to close.

By April 2000 with help from the Food Distribution Center of Chelan, the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council, and

the National Guard, they were ready to resume food distribution to the more than 200 families who had depended on the food bank.

Since that time that food bank has been open every Friday to serve the community and will celebrate its third year of operations in April 2022. But the Henriquez’s did not stop there.

The co-pastors have also organized a community garden to supplement food availability with freshly grown vegetables.

Seeing a need for a safe space and activities where youngsters could gather after school while many had family members were still at work, the Henriquez’s started a free after school program to fill that need and provided that service until the COVID pandemic required its closure.

“Many families have members that are still at work after school gets out and the kids need someplace to go,” Carlos said.

Currently the co-pastors are working on a proposal to establish a free sports court for outdoor sports and activities.

Since assuming the mantle of chamber president Henriquez tried to arrange the Santa Comes to Town event scheduled for Dec. 8 but had to cancel at the last minute when application approval and related arrangements coupled with the pandemic precautions did not materialize in time.

Henriquez said he hopes that his role as Chamber president can help promote events and projects that make Bridgeport a place that people want to visit.

The city and chamber have struggled over the past few years to coordinate events like Bridgeport Daze to everyone’s satisfaction.

City officials have cited lack of communication and proper documentation with organizers allowing adequate time to meet code standards.

Henriquez said he hopes to get the chamber more involved to benefit all interests.

“I really want to make Bridgeport a place that people want to come to,” he said.



## Manson Chamber of Commerce elects 2022 officers

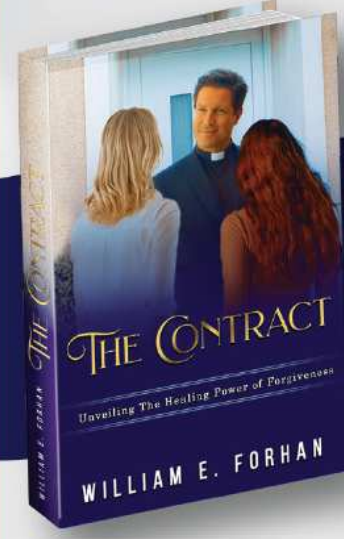
By WBJ Staff

MANSON – The Manson Chamber of Commerce announced their Executive Board members for 2022 at their monthly meeting on November 24. Changes went into effect on January 1.

Two of the five board positions were open, treasurer and secretary. Kurt Sixel, Board Treasurer agreed to serve an additional term.

Mariah Koester, Secretary will stepped down at the end of the year and Kasmira (Kaz) Elliot stepped into the position of Board Secretary on January 1.

Rounding out the Manson Chamber of Commerce Board for 2022 are Todd Link, Kim Ustanik, Jeff Conwell, Kasmira Elliot and Kurt Sixel. Debbie Conwell remains as Executive Director.



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# 17 Local Nonprofits awarded County Lodging Tax Grants



## By County of Chelan

Chelan County commissioners recently approved the awarding of nearly \$223,000 in lodging tax dollars to a variety of tourist-related organizations.

Lodging tax dollars are generated by local lodging establishments.

In Chelan County, about half the money generated in a year is allocated to six local chambers as well as the Cascade Loop and TREAD.

Another portion is used to operate the county's Visit Chelan County campaign.

The remaining money is offered annually in the form of grants to tourist-related organizations, such as festivals and museums.

The county's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) reviews these applications for the funding, making its recommendation to the



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Among the LTAC awards was to the Shehekin Heritage group, which annually prints the Stehekin Guidebook. Photo is from the historic Buckner Orchard in Stehekin.

Board of County Commissioners.

"LTAC was very excited by several of the applications that came in this year," said Tiffany Gering, Chelan County commissioner.

"We have a lot of organizations in Chelan County doing great work to attract people to our communities, which in turn helps grow our economy."

In 2022, 17 groups or nonprofit agencies will receive

a portion of the \$222,900 allocated in grants. They will use the money in a variety of efforts, from marketing and outreach to new and well-established festivals to museum exhibits and event guest speakers.

The recipients are:

- The Wenatchee Bluegrass Festival: \$10,000 for the musical event
- Cashmere Museum & Pioneer Village: \$24,000 for marketing and programs

- Chelan County Expo Center: \$20,000 for operations and promotions

- Lake Chelan Arts Council: \$5,000 for the 2022 festival

- Lake Chelan Wine Alliance: \$30,000 for promotions

- Lake Chelan Wine and Jazz Festival: \$33,000 for the annual festival

- Leavenworth Summer Theater: \$15,000 for the summer season

- Leavenworth Village

- Voices: \$3,000 for 2022 Christmas choral performances

- Manson Apple Blossom: \$5,000 for the annual festival

- Stehekin Heritage: \$3,500 for the Stehekin Guidebook

- District 19 of the American Contract Bridge League: \$5,000 for the Leavenworth regional event

- Two Rivers Medieval Faire: \$4,000 for the event

- Upper Valley Historical Society: \$12,000 for promotions at the Greater Leavenworth Museum

- Autumn Leaf Festival: \$15,000 for the annual Leavenworth festival

- Wenatchee River Institute: \$3,400 for the Leavenworth Spring Bird Festival

- Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center: \$20,000 for promotions

- Chelan-Douglas Land Trust: \$15,000 for Wenatchee trail system trail maintenance

Overall, the county received 29 applications.

However, several of the applications were for capital projects.

Those applications were not considered in this round; however, LTAC plans another call for applications related to tourism-related capital projects.

"We hope to have a round of capital funding requests sometime early next year," Gering said. "So please watch for that announcement in the spring on our website."

The LTAC website is available at <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/board-of-commissioners/pages/lodging-tax-advisory-committee>.

## Health District calls for applications for new board members

### By County of Chelan

The Chelan-Douglas Health District, in anticipation of the restructuring of its governing board in the new year, is accepting new board member applications from the public.

The Health Board seeks at least six new members – community members living in Douglas and Chelan counties – to meet new regulations passed by the state Legislature earlier this year. The application is now available on the health district's website.

Applications will be accepted by the health district until 5 p.m. on Jan. 10, 2022. The current Board of Health is expected to determine the selection process, including whether a subcommittee will first review the applications and if an interview process is necessary, at an upcoming meeting. The new

board could be in place as early as the first quarter of 2022.

The health district sees the expansion of its governing board, which currently has eight members, as an opportunity for growth, said Luke Davies, administrator of the Chelan-Douglas Health District.

"We are excited to open up the process to recruit community members to join our Board of Health," Davies said. "With the changes the state Legislature has made, we look forward to bringing on non-elected board members who will bring individual expertise and new perspectives that will help guide the health district in providing evidence-based services for our community."

In May, the state Legislature 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 their governing boards with non-elected officials.

While the Health Board has made no final decisions as to the future makeup of the local board, including how many people will serve, the new law requires the following:

A dual county health district such as the Chel-

an-Douglas Health District must have an equal number of elected and non-elected people on its board, with two commissioners from both counties.

Non-elected members must include people in all of the following categories:

- Health care providers
- Consumers of public health who have faced significant health inequities
- Community stakeholders, such as local nonprofits working with underrepre-

sented people and the business community.

Because the health district's coverage area contains some Native American trust lands, one of the non-elected member positions must be a tribal representative selected by the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State.

Final selection of the new at-large board members will be decided by a majority vote of the two boards of county commissioners.

The new board must be in place by July 1, 2022.

"This is a unique opportunity for segments of our community who aren't historically represented on a local health jurisdiction board to have a voice in the direction of our community public health services," said Douglas County Commissioner Dan Sutton, who serves as president of

the Health Board. "I look forward to the positive impact and unique perspectives these new members will bring to our communities."

"We have many people in our community whose expertise or experiences in public health would have a positive impact on the Health Board," added Kevin Overbay, Chelan County commissioner and vice president of the Health Board. "If you are committed to promoting public health for everyone in Chelan and Douglas counties, I encourage you to apply."

The application can be found on the Chelan-Douglas Health District website in both Spanish and English. To request an application be mailed to you, call the health district at 886-6400 and ask for the Human Resources Department.

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1% of the Lodging Tax Revenue Will Go Towards Affordable Housing

# Mayor Florea and Sen. Hawkins Launch New Lodging Tax Bill

By Megan Sokol

Mayor Carl J. Florea and Senator Brad Hawkins have recently collaborated on SB 5513, a bill that would allow Leavenworth and other Chelan County municipalities to use 1% of the lodging tax currently collected towards affordable housing.

“He definitely gets the holistic notion of what a community means and that



Mayor Carl J. Florea

the municipality.

Part of the tax goes towards tourism and marketing, along with a smaller, limited percentage is allowed to go towards low-income housing, those earning less than 60% AMI.

“What I’ve been hoping for and working my whole time on is trying to get a steady stream of significant dollars that we can apply towards our workforce housing,” Mayor Florea explained.

“That was behind the bill that happened two years ago, but the big difference is, that one was to add additional lodging taxes to the existing lodging taxes in supportive housing.”

If approved by the legislature, then a county or city council would need to approve it for their jurisdiction.

The bill could provide up to 1% of the lodging tax revenue collected in the jurisdiction towards workforce housing for the next 10 years.

“‘Willkommen’ translates to ‘welcome,’ which is fitting because Leavenworth has always been a welcoming community for tourists, but with the tourists now are purchasing second homes and converting properties to vacation rentals, those who work in Leavenworth are increasingly struggling to live there,” Sen. Hawkins states in his Dec. 13 Press Release.

“This dynamic is creating challenges to preserve the city’s sense of community.”

The difference between this bill and SB 6446, which

was a bill that proposed an additional tax be added on top of the lodging tax and considered previously, is that this bill will not raise additional taxes but rather divert a portion of revenue from the lodging tax.

“That was much more palatable than adding an additional tax,” Mayor Florea states.

“It wouldn’t get us as far



Senator Brad Hawkins

along, but it would still give us significant dollars that we could put towards workforce housing.”

Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay and Chelan Valley Housing Trust Executive Director Steve Wilkinson have expressed their support for SB 5513.

Mayor Florea states that this is one step towards the affordable housing crisis, but there is still more to come.

“I’m definitely not ignorant. This is not a done deal, but the potential is there that we could begin to do something sooner than later in order to address our housing needs.”

we need to do something in Leavenworth,” Mayor Florea said regarding Sen. Hawkins.

“When I approached him with this idea, I give him all the credit that he was willing to sponsor it, and that goes a long way.”

Those who fall in the 60% to 120% Average Median Income (AMI), or what is defined as “workforce housing,” would qualify for these funds.

The lodging tax, which both Florea and Sen. Hawkins refer to as the “hotel/motel tax,” is a 3 to 5% charge on hospitality sectors like hotels, overnight rentals, or bed and breakfasts depending on

# New Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Will Reduce Energy Spending

By Megan Sokol

In early December, the City of Wenatchee announced an energy-saving revitalization project for their Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Plant, including a new 4th digester to help save thousands of kilowatts per year.

Although the project is independent to the increasing rate structure, the new digester will be paid for partly from the 6% rate increase per year. City of Wenatchee Senior Utilities Engineer Jeremy Hoover explains the payment process for the new digester.

“It’s not like you turn on your faucet and you get an additional bill because you’re using more water. It’s not the same thing.

For residential households, you get charged a base fee every month and that fee will be what’s going up by 6% per year for the next several years.”

This project will contribute to Chelan PUD’s Strategic Energy Management

project for 2021, which helped the city overall save about 201,363 kilowatt hours (kWh) a year, roughly \$5,436.80 a year.

Chelan PUD’s media liaison Rachel Hansen explains how these energy savings helps in allowing the PUD to sell the surplus energy to wholesale power markets, keeping energy rates low for Chelan County customers.

Most of the machines within the wastewater treatment plant date back to the plant’s opening in the 50’s.

Hoover states that his team compared different types of processors like centrifuges to rotational screen thickeners and found that the difference in energy use between the two types of technology was about 265,000 kilowatts per year.

Hoover explained that the improvements “will increase our capacity. It will not increase the amount of material that we’re putting out. It will allow us to be expandable for the future, but

part of the biggest driving factor on this project is redundancy.”

Hoover went on to say “We are planning on doing upgrades that will be saving energy at the plant. We will not be consuming as much energy for the various items because we’re putting in newer technology.”

The new digester will help process and digest biosolids and release biosolid gas while thickening the material before it gets treated.

The big energy savers were the thickeners and mixing components of the new digester.

“Think of it like a big cake mix. If you don’t have all your flour mixed up with all of your eggs, you get chunks of flour over here and some eggs over there and it doesn’t work.” Hoover then added, “think of it like a big plunger that goes up and down. That turned out to be a savings of approximately 119,000 kilowatts a year (at the waste treatment plant).”

## Inslee statement on payments collected for long-term care program

Submitted by Office of the Governor

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a statement today on his authority to make changes to the long-term care premiums set to begin collections on January 1st.

“There seems to be some inaccurate reporting and misinformation about the Legislature’s long-term care bill, which under the law requires employers to withhold money from employee wages.

“Only the Legislature has the authority to eliminate the requirement that employers pay a premium based on withholding from an employee’s wages at

this time. The Legislature has committed to changing the law in January 2022, including delaying the premium collection timelines.

“As I stated clearly earlier this week, I do have the ability to order the state Employment Security Department to refrain from collecting from those premiums from employers at this time, and I have done that.

“As an employer, the state of Washington is following the law and will have to begin collecting money from state employee paychecks as of January 1st. We know that many other private

employers are doing the same, and others are hoping that the Legislature will change the law. However, if the Legislature fails to do so, employers will still be legally obligated to pay the full amount owed to state ESD to begin the long-term care program.

“The Legislature will have an opportunity to fix their bill starting on January 10 when they convene for the session. It is my hope that they will do that quickly in order to provide clarity to employees and employers. I have considerable confidence that the Legislature will fix this problem.”

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## Kris Kringle Rings in Christmas Cheer for 35th Anniversary



Kris Kringle co-owners Jessica Evans and Carl Evans pose in front of the "35 years of cheer" tree.



Photos by Megan Sokol

35th AnniversaryTree: Kris Kringle's "35 years of cheer" tree in the middle of the store.

### By Megan Sokol

Customers were greeted with a good stomping exercise outside the Kris Kringle doors and an offer to have one's feet swept by co-owner Carl Evans.

The sidewalk was sprinkled with "crystals" by his grandson that morning. Once inside, past the multiple Santa figurines and ornaments, guests can gaze on the two-story tall pine tree dubbed "35 years of cheer," decorated with little notes of gratitude and positivity.

"It means a lot to have folks say thank you and to say how much the store has meant to them over the years," co-owner Jessica Evans said. "I think it's a big testament to my dad's hard work for 35 years."

After 35 years of Christmas cheer, Kris Kringle weathered COVID-19 obstacles with warmth and mirth. Kringle owners Carl

Evans and eldest daughter Jessica Evans hope to ring-in the year-round Christmas store into a new era, having learned how to weather supply-chain issues and low staffing.

"It's important that people feel joy and love and peace when they walk in the doors here," Jessica Evans said.

"I think despite all the challenges, the Kris Kringle team has rallied together really well to bring those feelings about and make everybody feel that, especially this time of year."

Carl Evans is a described "Winter Solstice baby," which explains some of Carl's zeal for the holiday. His birthday lies on Dec. 20, just five days before Christmas. Recently, Carl has reduced his role within the business and has handed the reigns to Jessica.

"For as long as basically I could see up to the counter, I liked

tissue wrapping ornaments and handing people bags and running for things in the basement and tagging ornaments," Jessica said. "It felt a lot actually like coming back, but I did grow up here. I went to high school here. I went away for college and then I worked in Seattle, in London for a bit, before moving back with my family to Leavenworth and joining the Kris Kringle team."

Recently, the Kringle team, along with multiple Downtown Leavenworth businesses, have been battling with minor flooding due to snowmelt, lack of staffing and part-time employees, and supply-chain delays.

"We have a very good crew here that has been willing to step up during these busy times and work some extra hours for us and that has helped a lot," Carl explained. "I think that our inventory is probably the lowest it's

been at this time of the year ever. So that is something that with our designer, Laura Hansen, she's been challenged with, making the store look full and redesigning sections when we're lacking product."

Thankfully, these challenges did not dampen the Evans family's Christmas spirit, nor has it affected business with their store. Customers come in multiple times a week during the holiday season to peruse new items that arrived mere hours to their arrival.

"It's a unique year where, because of the supply chain issues, we received orders a lot later than we normally would, and so even today we're bringing new product into the store," Jessica explained. "Typically, that would never happen in December, we're all set and we're ready for our busiest time of year,

but it's made it in some ways, extra exciting when people are here for a whole week."

Even after the holiday season is over, the Kringle staff still sees traffic throughout the year. Both Evans are proud of their team and hope to stay prepared for next holiday season.

We thank our customers, especially our repeat customers, that come in and I can't count the number of people who come back in and say, 'I am so glad you're still here; this is my favorite store. I was afraid that you weren't going to be here, and this just made our trip,' Carl said. "It's exciting to hear those things because I know that there's a lot of stores out there that aren't making it and I'm really super proud and pleased that we are."

If you want to learn more about the Kris Kringle store, you can visit them at 907 Front St, Leavenworth.

## Nutcracker Museum is More Than a Christmas Hub

### By Megan Sokol

Sixt Magazine recently listed Leavenworth as the 8th most festive Christmas-themed town in the nation and listed the Nutcracker Museum as one of the key highlights of the trip. Of course, the museum holds many wide-eyed and uniformed nutcracker toy soldiers, and that may be how Arlene Wagner's collection started. However, over time the most expansive and impressive nutcracker museum grew to house over 7,000 nutcrackers.

"We have had people from every state in the union, every province in Canada and over a hundred other countries and they come all of the different months of the year, and many come to town just to see the museum," Wagner said. "We do not know for sure whether we have the largest collection or not. If we're not the largest collection, we are one of the top ones."

The media has held a strong fascination with Wagner's Nutcracker Museum, which has been inducted into the National Heritage Foundation. Arlene Wagner was a guest on Conan O'Brien's show, appeared on the Today Show, on CBS, has been featured in multiple publications, videos, tourist magazines, and in almost any nut-

cracker blog you can find.

Arlene Wagner founded the museum with her husband George Wagner. She and her husband used to argue at antique shows trying to wrestle between each other which nutcracker belongs to who.

Wagner started learning and studying ballet under the tutelage of Alexandra Danilova, a Prima Ballerina. From then on, her passion for The Nutcracker cultivated her adoration for the toy soldier figurine.

"I was a dance teacher, and we did the Nutcracker ballet. We were interested in getting the right Nutcracker for Clara, the character in the ballet. When we looked around, we enjoyed those big mouth characters and started collecting them."

They have Steinbach nutcrackers, percussion nutcrackers, nutcrackers you step on with a sharp stiletto-like shoe, Betel nut cutters from India, animal-carved Swiss nutcrackers, and nutcrackers from 16th century Europe. The museum also has a nutcracker carbon dated back to the roman era and prehistoric nutcrackers from the stone age. If you can picture a nutcracker, any nutcracker, it's in there.

Some reviews have had people writing about the sensitive subject matter of some

of the nutcrackers displaying a darker period of history. Some of these controversial additions include a nutcracker resembling Adolf Hitler, or multiple nutcrackers that portray racial stereotypes. When asked about some of these nutcrackers, Wagner said the following.

"We've had a few complaints. People saying that we are racist and our answer to that is this is history. We have one carved in 1938 of Hitler. We have had complaints about that, but again, that's history."

The history of the nutcracker is something Wagner has an intimate knowledge of as well. She recalls how nutcracker collection became popular in the United States.

"Because of the ballet, and because many of the soldiers after the war were stationed over there (Europe) and they brought home nutcrackers as souvenirs." Wagner later added, "it's a custom for Americans to have at least one nutcracker at Christmas time."

She believes that the old-fashioned tra-

dition of cracking nuts by the fire should make a comeback.

"Well, it's an activity that has long been gone and it's a shame because it was such a tradition at Christmas time, always to sit around and crack nuts. That's been taken away from us."

If you would like to learn more about Arlene Wagner and The Nutcracker Museum, come check it out at 735 Front Street, Leavenworth.



Photo by Megan Sokol

The large nutcracker Karl welcomes you to the Famous Leavenworth Nutcracker Museum.