



Surf's Up! In Chelan



Submitted by Robert Bordner

**By Erin Mullins
Reporter**

Lakeside Surf and High Trek Chelan have invested in recent upgrades to their facilities. A new ropes course and knife throwing are in place in High Trek Chelan and a new giant surf wave is available in Lakeside Surf, a waterpark which is accessible from Slidewaters.

Slidewaters and Lakeside Surf are located at 102 Waterslide Dr. in Chelan and High Trek Chelan is a neighboring business located on 106 Waterslide Dr. in Chelan.

Lakeside Surf opened May 1 and has the largest stationary surf

wave in the world, said Robert Bordner, owner of Slidewaters, Lakeside Surf, and High Trek Chelan. It features a rideable surf wave called citywave USA that is 16 meters, or 53 feet, wide.

Around the world, other stationary waves at amusement parks are in the 20 to 30 ft range so the wave at Slidewaters is double the size of other stationary surf waves.

Lakeside Surf was a multi-million dollar expansion project funded both from out of business funds and by a loan from the Small Business Administration, said Bordner. The majority of the

project was funded by the loan. Citywave USA is the first of its kind in North or South America.

Citywave USA has attracted a crowd eager to surf from diverse places. Bordner said that the wave has attracted visitors from around the northwest, all across the country, and has even attracted international visitors.

"We've had visitors from around the world coming and we've got more that are planning on coming once the travel opens up even more," said Bordner.

Besides being the largest wave in the world, citywave USA is unique because it has more water

pressure which creates a better wave for surfers, said Bordner.

In many rivers and in other amusement park surf waves, the water pressure is soft so the surfer can't make a hard turn because they just dip into the water. Meanwhile, at citywave USA the higher water pressure pushes back so surfers can make hard turns and do a greater variety of surf tricks.

Those who are admitted to Slidewaters can enjoy a free 30 minute session on citywave USA, according to the company website. Slidewaters patrons who want to surf for longer can pay for a 45 minute session at Lake-

side Surf or buy a season pass to surf. Both Lakeside Surf and Slidewaters offer season passes and single entry tickets, but the passes and tickets are sold separately and apply separately to each park.

Bordner decided to build the giant surf wave in order to appeal to families with older children. Once families had children who became teenagers those families stopped visiting Slidewaters. Citywave USA solves this by bridging the interest gap and appealing to teenagers and young adults.

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Liberty Orchards announces sale

By Bill Forhan

More than 100 years of family ownership has ended as Greg Taylor announced last week that the company has been sold. Liberty Orchards has been a mainstay of Cashmere since 1920 with 3 generations of family running the company.

The company was founded by two Armenian Immigrants. Mark Balaban and Armen Tertsagian used the excess fruit from their small orchard to create Aplets.

The original fruit is an apple and walnut confection based on Locoum a famous Near East candy known as Turkish Delight. A few years later they added Cotlets made from apricots and walnuts. Over the years they have added other products.

In an interview on Friday Taylor said he has mixed emotions about the sale.



He feels the company will be in good hands but there is the obvious sadness of handing over his family's legacy. He is especially pleased that the buyer plans on keeping the employees, the store and the factory in Cashmere.

In the press release announcing the sale Taylor said, "Our family is delighted that KDV plans to continue operations in Cashmere, making our unique candies and providing good jobs in our community".

Taylor went on to say, "The founding family wishes to thank its many employees, suppliers, customers, and the people of Cashmere for their loyalty over the last century, and wishes the new owners of

Liberty Orchards much success as they expand the business.

The buyer, KDV Group, is a multinational food and snack company. This will be their first entry into the American Market. Founded in 1994, KDV Group (*kdv-group.com*) is a multinational food and snack company with a broad range of products along with world-class production facilities, a well-established distribution network, a highly efficient agricultural division, and excellent value chain management. This will be KDV Group's first foray into the American market. In addition to continuing the manufacturing of Liberty Orchards confections, the company will



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also import over 700 food-products from fifteen KDV Group factories into the US.

KDV is a Russian producer of snacks and confectionery products, whose goods are well known and beloved not only in Russia but across much of Eastern Europe and Asia. KDV owns 15 factories in Russia and offers 700 products.

KDV's highly specialized consumer analytics platform and distribution network

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Scams are on the Rise

By Erin Mullins
Reporter

No one wants to be scammed out of hard-earned time or money, but sometimes people fall prey to the lure of scammers. Scams are reportedly on the rise in the Wenatchee Valley. On June 22nd, the Wenatchee Police Department Facebook page released an alert about a phone scam happening in the area.

Residents are receiving calls from people claiming to be Wenatchee police sergeants and demanding personal information or payment for warrants issued for the resident or their children. The scammer is disguising their caller ID to River-Com's number so the phone number that is calling actually appears to be from the Wenatchee Police Department.

If someone has a warrant for their arrest, they have to appear before a judge to get it cleared. The Wenatchee police department does not ask for personal information to clear a warrant over the phone.

Phone scams are prevalent in the Wenatchee area. According to AARP, the top five robocall scams in Wenatchee are Amazon purchase alerts, real estate calls, a medicare genetic cancer screening call, a credit card interest rate

offer, and a mortgage refinancing call.

If you receive scam phone calls, hang up. A service called Nomorobo will stop your phone from receiving scam calls. More information about Nomorobo is available on their website. But even if someone manages to escape scam calls, they aren't completely safe. Other scams have been going on in the area.

Greg Brooks, owner of Benchmark Jewelers, described an incident where an elderly woman tried to sell her jewelry to him to obtain funds to send to an individual who was catfishing her in a phishing attack. The woman entered the shop and asked Brooks if he bought jewelry off the street or if he could loan her money.

Brooks replied that he occasionally bought jewelry off of the street. The woman said that she had a "friend" who was in the Gulf of Mexico who was working on an oil rig with blown up pumps and that he needed money to repair the pumps so he could get paid for the oil rig job. Oil rigs are hard to track, making it easier for scammers to con people out of money.

Brooks did not immediately recognize the encounter as a scam and sent the women to pawn shops in

Wenatchee. He said that the woman was recently divorced so she was emotionally vulnerable and that she may have been confused due to aging. Brooks' employee, Mary Thresher, recognized the scam, and called the pawn shops in Wenatchee to warn them.

The woman had already been in the Wenatchee pawn shops and the shops declined to do business with her, said Brooks. He has encountered other scams in his shops. About a year ago, he accepted a counterfeit credit card with a stolen number at his store for the purchase of a ring.

Luckily, the stolen ring was recovered by the Snohomish County Sheriff's department six months later when they busted the scam on the west side. The stolen ring was sent to the Chelan County Sheriff's department who released the item to Brooks once the department no longer needed it for evidence.

Thresher was aware of another scam going on in the area. A company posing as the Publishers Clearing House tells the individual that they have to win a cash prize but need money for shipping, insurance and taxes sent to the company before they can receive the prize. Publishers Clearing House does not solicit money from in-



dividuals when they win a prize.

Thresher said another local scam happens at gas stations. Individuals with a hard-luck story approach motorists with fake gold jewelry. They say that they need to sell the jewelry for the money because of some tragedy.

The jewelry appears to be real, with an 18 carat gold stamp, but it is actually bronze. Benchmark Jewelers has inspected jewelry from people who have fallen for this jewelry scam.

Besides selling jewelry, scammers target business emails with gift card requests. According to the report by Agari, a company that defends emails against cyberattacks, 64% of fraudsters used gift cards as a method to try and compromise business emails in the second half of 2020. The report contained data from 257.9 billion emails.

Business email compromise (BEC) is a type of scam where hackers attack businesses over email in order to try to defraud the company. BEC attackers usually impersonate employees at the company

and try to trick victims into handing over sensitive information or transferring money through email domains that appear real.

The most popular form of gift card requested was eBay, followed by Google Play and iTunes. Another way that BEC scammers request money is through wire transfer. One way to protect company emails from BEC attacks is to label external emails. Configure email programs to label between external and internal emails so that employees can distinguish if the email is happening from outside of the company. Also, consider using two-factor authentication on company emails to protect against fraud.

It is important for businesses and individuals to be aware of scams and how to protect themselves from them. If the situation doesn't seem right, don't give out money or personal information. If you receive suspicious communication, confirm with businesses to make sure the offer is legitimate. As scams continue around the Wenatchee valley, it is up to consumers to protect themselves.

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Additionally, Lakeside Surf has features which appeal to all ages, said Bordner. Besides surfing, there is sand volleyball and food and beverage services which appeal to a wider demographic.

The entrance to Lakeside Surf is in the upper parking lot of Slidewaters, according to the Lakeside Surf website.

Constructing citywave USA was a long standing project. Construction started the summer of 2017 and the surf wave finally opened May 1st. Slidewaters opened operations for the year on May 29th.

The surf wave is a big addition to the amusement park sphere in Chelan, which Bordner has long been a part of.

Robert Bordner said that himself and his cousin Burke Bordner have owned Slidewaters since 2008.

Before purchasing Slidewaters, Burke was working in construction and decided that he wanted to do something geared toward families. So Burke approached the previous owner to let him know he was interested in taking over when that owner was ready to retire. Burke then invited Robert, who was teaching at

the time, to be a part of the business.

Burke and Robert Bordner are co-owners of Lakeside Surf and Slidewaters which both operate under the same company Slidewaters, LLC. They also own High Trek Chelan with another partner, Brad Halbock. High Trek Chelan is a ropes course and zipline center located on the hill past Slidewaters. It is a separate business entity from Slidewaters and Lakeside Surf but is located on the same property.

Recently, High Trek Chelan added a new ropes course and axe throwing.

Robert Bordner said that he decided to add the ropes course to High Trek Chelan because he was looking for ways to generate revenue and diversify his businesses after facing restrictions due to coronavirus last year and being unable to open Slidewaters.

A business partner in Everett started running a very successful ropes course last year, inspiring Robert Bordner to create a ropes course of his own. The Everett business was allowed to operate with restrictions last year even though Slidewaters was not.

In the fall of 2020, Bordner decided to diversify his businesses in case Slidewaters faced "challenging times" in the summer of 2021. Construction for the ropes course and axe throwing occurred fairly quickly.

Construction started in March and by April the ropes course was operational, said Robert Bordner. Axe throwing construction also started in March and the venue opened May 15th.

Bordner said that he was excited to offer families a fun alternative to the water activities offered at Slidewaters and Lakeside Surf.

"We're really excited about that opportunity to give people, families and people that are looking for things to do that don't want to get wet for just an extra activity while they're in Chelan," he said

A year after the pandemic forced Slidewaters to shutdown, Slidewaters, High Trek Chelan and Lakeside surf are up and running. Currently, Slidewaters is operating in phase three under reduced capacity which allows up to 1,000 people to visit the park at a time. "So far operations have been great. Guests have been good," said Robert Bordner.

Masks are recommended for guests when they are indoors, but guests are allowed to self-manage their mask needs. Guests are not required to wear masks when they are outside or exercising. Staff wear masks indoors when they can't maintain social distance.

Bordner said that the next projects for his business are to finish out more auxiliary buildings at the waterparks and add shade to High Trek Chelan.



Courtesy Slidewaters
Three lanes of racing on the Downhill Racer entices competition. Enjoy a dramatic drop to start the race and then pick up speed over two more drops before racing to the finish line on the long run out.

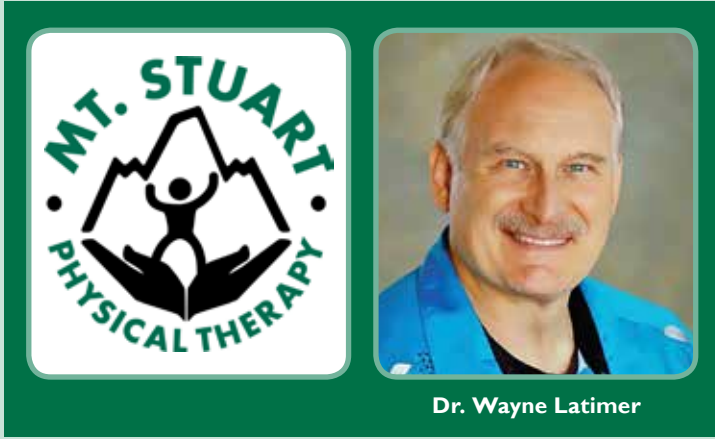
Dr. Latimer purchases Mount Stuart Physical Therapy

By Erin Mullins
Reporter

Wenatchee Chiropractor Dr. Wayne Latimer and his two business partners recently purchased Mount Stuart Physical Therapy in Leavenworth from Luke Astell, MPT and Nancy Bywater-Johnson, PT. Latimer said that his business partners are Dr. Eric Hager, a sleep medicine specialist located in Wenatchee and Dr. Sunny Gill, a chiropractor located in Bremerton, Washington. The purchase includes the gym adjoining the clinic, Balance Point Health and Fitness.

Additionally, Latimer said that he is the sole owner of Latimer Chiropractic in Wenatchee and has been for over 20 years. At Mount Stuart Physical Therapy, he has plans of creating an integrated medical facility where patients can get holistic care from one place. He plans to expand Mount Stuart Physical Therapy beyond physical therapy to include chiropractic care and massage therapy.

On March 25, 2001, Astell and Bywater-Johnson opened Mount Stuart Physical Therapy, said Astell. After 20 years, Bywater-Johnson and Astell were ready to move out of the managerial role that is included when you own a business and back into clinical roles as a focus and the two



Dr. Wayne Latimer

decided to sell the business.

Latimer said that he saw an ad in 2020 through a buyer's agent that a central Washington clinic was for sale and inquired. He learned that the business was Mount Stuart Physical Therapy and decided to purchase it.

The transfer of ownership began in January 2021 and is now complete, said Latimer. Latimer knows his business partner Dr. Eric Hager through Hager's sleep diagnostic center, a business next-door to Latimer Chiropractic. Latimer has been working with Hager for years. Latimer knows his other business partner Dr. Sunny Gill through Gill's renowned integrative practice medical center Bremerton Wellness in Bremerton, Washington.

Latimer said that the decision to co-own the business with his two partners came up organically

through everyday conversations. Latimer decided to own the business with multiple partners in order to distribute the stress and liability of owning a business with multiple people.

Dr. Hager is overseeing the medical portion of Mount Stuart Physical Therapy, Latimer will be completing chiropractic appointments, and Dr. Gill is another voice to help with operations.

One big change to Mount Stuart Physical Therapy is that it can now offer insurance covered chiropractic and massage. Additionally, the clinic can now cover all work injuries regardless of employer. The clinic can cover both local and federal workers compensation claims. Dr. Latimer will be onsite weekly to open and manage those cases.

Latimer said that he has advanced-post graduate chiroprac-

tic certifications. He is a certified whiplash traumatologist, rehab specialist, and a certified chiropractic sports physician. This adds another level of care to the comprehensive care already offered by the physical therapists at the clinic.

Latimer is currently working at Mount Stuart Physical Therapy Tuesday and Thursday mornings and at Latimer Chiropractic in Wenatchee on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On the days he works in Leavenworth, Latimer has a team of other chiropractors and medical professionals who keep his Wenatchee clinic running.

Latimer said that he plans to keep the same hours of operation at Mount Stuart Physical Therapy and retain the same staff. Former owner Astell is still working for the clinic, but former owner Bywater-Johnson decided to take a break from her position and is not sure of her future plans. A new physical therapist named Heather has been added to the team and the clinic is in the process of hiring a massage therapist.

Besides adding massage therapy and chiropractic services to Mount Stuart, Latimer said that he plans to add services like trigger point injections for persistent spasms and diagnostic ultrasounds to diagnose injuries without an MRI machine.

Waiting to get an MRI can take multiple months and diagnostic ultrasounds speed up the process.

Mount Stuart Physical Therapy operates both through insurance and as a cash-based operation, said Latimer. Some insurances require a prescription from a doctor for physical therapy while others allow the patients to see a physical therapist directly for injuries.

If an insurance company requires a doctor's prescription for medical care, Latimer said that he can provide that referral directly instead of the patient needing to take the time to go through their family doctor. Latimer's expertise adds valuable services including adjustments, whiplash trauma rehabilitation, and sports chiropractic to the Leavenworth clinic.

Latimer said that he wants to make the community better through his purchase of Mount Stuart Physical therapy. He grew up in Cashmere and went to University of Western States in Portland, Oregon to become a chiropractor. After graduation, Latimer worked in Vancouver. He eventually came back to the valley to establish his own chiropractic practice and raise a family in the area.

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Lines are becoming longer at München Haus as tourists begin returning.



Icicle Brewing Employees can enter a training program to become a certified beer pouring professional.

Local businesses discuss difficulties during the pandemic

By Erin Mullins
Reporter

As we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic, downtown businesses are reopening. These businesses have faced significant challenges in operating throughout the pandemic.

Some businesses, like München Haus and Icicle Brewing Company, had trouble hiring enough staff as they opened back up again.

"It's definitely been harder because I think everyone is hiring at the same time to build up their team again," said Pamela Brulotte, owner of Icicle Brewing Company and München Haus.

Brulotte said that she has posted on many places looking for employees including the Wenatchee Valley College website, LinkedIn, Craigslist, and Brewbound, a website that

advertises brewery jobs.

Quite a few employees of Brulotte's two businesses changed jobs or moved out of town and she is just starting to build up her staff again.

Another way that Brulotte is attracting staff for the brewery is through an expanded employee training program to train those with little to no experience to work at a brewery or train current staff with further professional development.

Meanwhile at München Haus, Brulotte has been hiring younger employees, relying on 14 year olds to keep her business running smoothly.

Other businesses do not face the same staffing issues. At Schocolat, a shop which sells a variety of handmade chocolates, owner Andrew DeMoss has kept a small staff

without too many shortages in labor but one big issue has been difficulties in his supply chain.



FILE PHOTO

PAMELA BRULOTTE
Owner of Icicle Brewing Company and München Haus

Sometimes, DeMoss had to change suppliers quickly if he couldn't get what he needed from them. DeMoss places orders well in advance and orders more supplies at a time to mitigate supply chain shortages.

Some of Schocolat's suppliers, like packaging, come from overseas, making obtaining supplies



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ANDREW DEMOSS
Owner of Schocolat

during a pandemic especially difficult.

The cost of raw materials has also gone up during the pandemic, causing significant price increases in the cost to produce a product. Another challenge is figuring out how

many staff to hire.

DeMoss has had to be conservative with the number of staff that he has rehired because of variable business during the pandemic.

Both DeMoss and Brulotte expressed how uncertain business was during the pandemic. DeMoss took out a small business loan from Cashmere Valley Bank. One thing that helped him to stay afloat was a few big commercial orders which came through early on in the pandemic.

Brulotte said that with the sudden closure of both of her businesses and worries about the future of her businesses she had to pivot quickly and make important decisions so her business could survive.

Besides the financial side of things, businesses need to make sure they operate safely.

Brulotte invested in precautions to help keep her business and employees safe. She bought personal protective equipment for all of her employees and air purifiers for her businesses. When the shutdown started, her manager put together care packages including necessities like beans, rice, and toilet paper for all of her employees.

Schocolat is also working to operate in a safe manner. While emerging from the pandemic, DeMoss is still taking precautions.

At Schocolat, employees are still wearing masks.

Sampling of chocolates is still shut down because of the risk of transmission. Reduced capacity of visitors in the shop is still in place.

Now over a year into the

pandemic, a return to normality is occurring.

DeMoss said that he is back to a steady customer flow with purchase levels returning to normal levels at his chocolate shop. Despite the uncertainty, DeMoss said that he is optimistic for the future.

"Really I'm pretty optimistic coming out of this thing looks like we're getting back to 'normal' much quicker than a lot of people anticipated. So that's really encouraging," DeMoss said.

As she is hiring new employees since things return to normal, Brulotte is focused on increasing diversity in her staff and providing training opportunities.

One benefit to working at Icicle Brewing Company is that employees can participate in a training program to become a Cicerone.

This is a certified beer server program which allows employees to obtain a nationally recognized certification in beer serving which they can take with them wherever they go.

DeMoss is excited to finally be able to operate his business again with fewer restrictions, but is still worried about supply chain issues in the future.

He acknowledged that he is not a public health expert, but expressed desire to have his things in the state open up more if it was able to be done in a safe manner.

"I think at this time just being allowed to be open. Just allowing us to exercise our craft and operate our businesses. Just giving us a chance there. I think that's all any of us want," said DeMoss.

Wellness Place adds new programs

Submitted by Julie Lindholm,
Executive Director

We are excited to announce three new programs at Wellness Place to support our NCW cancer warriors, and their family and loved ones.

These beneficial programs will be led by qualified professionals via Zoom, in-person, or a combination of both.

Wellness Place offers free cancer support from initial diagnosis to survivorship for residents in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties. Because we believe no one fights alone.

COMPASSIONATE CARE SUPPORT GROUP

This beneficial program is designed for caregivers, family members and loved ones who want a safe place to discuss the stresses, challenges, and rewards of providing care for a cancer patient.

Beginning Wednesday, July 28. Hosted



on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month from noon-1 p.m. Hosted in-person and combined with online Zoom.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Newly diagnosed or going through treatment, this breast cancer support group is a supportive environment to share feelings and challenges, and learn from others who are facing the same journey. Beginning Wednesday, July 7. Hosted thereafter on 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month from Noon-1 p.m. Hosted in-person and combined with online Zoom.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

MINDFULNESS-BASED SELF-CARE

This beneficial 45-60 minute program will be hosted by instructor Kari Lyons-Price. Kari will lead and teach body-mind awareness practices to assist cancer warriors, survivors, and their caregivers or families. Mindfulness practices involve focused attention, regulated breathing, and developing a nonjudgmental awareness of one's thoughts and feelings to empower participants to take an active role in the management of their health and wellness. Hosted online via Zoom.

Hosted on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at noon

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Questions? Call 509-888-9933 or email us: julie@wellnessplacewenatchee.org Wellness Place is located at 609 Okanogan Ave. Wenatchee, WA 98801

City of Wenatchee Awards American Rescue Plan funding, more to come

By Erin Mullins
Reporter

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) is a \$1.9 trillion dollar stimulus package signed by Congress in March to offset the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Rescue Plan has many programs including economic impact payments to individuals, child tax credits, capital projects funds, homeowner assistant funds, emergency rental assistance and a state and local fiscal recovery fund.

In total, the American Rescue Plan provides \$350 billion in emergency funding for the coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds to eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments.

The City of Wenatchee has already started to distribute these funds to local businesses. So far, the city has allocated \$326,249 in ARP funding to local nonprofits and the Town Toyota Center, according to a press release.

The Women's Resource Center Landlord Tenant Liaison Program received \$118,000 in funding. The program is a part of the city of Wenatchee's ten year plan to end homelessness.

The program partners with private landlords who are willing to rent to households who have housing barriers like past eviction, criminal background or bad credit.

The YWCA of North Central Washington received \$77,249 in funding for permanent supportive housing. Housing was chosen as one of the first priorities because it was such an immediate need for the city in the post pandemic economic recovery, said Laura Merill, City of Wenatchee Executive Services Director.

"We're kind of watching how the economy is coming back and seeing where those gaps are. Housing was a huge gap and so that's why the Women's Resource Center and the YWCA were really immediate needs that we wanted to help fill," she said.

The Town Toyota Center received \$131,000 to restart operation and improve facilities to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Town Toyota center provides over 200 events which bring over 400,000 visitors and an \$8 million annual impact to the region. The Town Toyota Center did not qualify for any past funding programs.

Merill said that tourism is a huge source of economic development and our local economy and that tourism was one of the hardest hit areas of our economy for the longest time, said Merill.

Businesses like restaurants have been able to operate at partial capacity and were eligible for past economic relief programs like the CARES act.



FILE PHOTO

LAURA MERILL
City of Wenatchee
Executive Services Director

The CARES act was signed into law by former President Donald Trump in March of 2020 to provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals,



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families, and businesses affected by pandemic. The City of Wenatchee received \$1,039,500 in CARES funding, said Merill. \$500k of that was allocated in local business grants and the remainder was used to support the city's response to the pandemic.

In total, the city received \$3.1 million in ARP funding in June, said City Finance



FILE PHOTO

RACHEL TODD
Interim Executive
Director for the YWCA

Director Brad Posenjak. The city will receive the same amount of funding in June of 2022.

The funding to the Town Toyota Center has already been distributed so they could start ramping up and rehiring for their fall and winter events.

The funds to the YWCA and Women's Resource Center are committed to the center over a two year period but have not been distributed yet.

Final rules on ARP funds have not been published, said Posenjak. Until then, the city doesn't know to whom they can allocate the funds and is waiting until they hear from the Department of Treasury before they open up a process to guide spending on the funds.

The city doesn't anticipate having a clear process for the funds until at least mid August. The city has to make their first report on how they plan to spend the

funds on August 31st.

In the interim of distributing the funding to businesses, the money is kept in the State Treasurer's Office, said Posenjak.

The funds are in short term investments like U.S government securities but are available the same day for the city, if need be.

Since the money is from a state government entity, it cannot be invested in more volatile investments like government bonds.

Although the Treasury hasn't released final guidelines on how to distribute the ARP funding, there are broad guidelines for distribution, said Posenjak.

The funds can be used to address negative economic impacts, support public health and for services to disproportionately impacted communities.

The funds can also be used for premium pay to essential workers, water, sewer, broadband and infrastructure and revenue replacement.

For the YWCA, being allocated to receive this funding was essential.

Rachel Todd, Interim Executive Director for the YWCA, said she is grateful for the funding she has been allocated from the city.

"We're really grateful that the city saw this and that they decided to step up and fill this gap and to continue to support our program because it is such an important program. And whatever we can do to help this overall valley crisis is what we're committed to do," she said.

The center usually applies for and receives grant funding every two years from the Department of Commerce which was facilitated through the city, said Todd.

Recently, the grant funding model shifted from the city to the county. During the most recent



grant cycle, the county commissioners decided to distribute the funds that had traditionally been given to the YWCA elsewhere.

Because of that shift in funding, the YWCA had a huge gap in the funding which the ARP funds will help to fill. The YWCA supports permanent supportive housing to those who are chronically homeless and have a certified disability.

Chronic homelessness is defined as living in an uninhabitable condition like outside or in a car for a year or more. All of the ARP funding is going to permanent supportive housing.

Most of the YWCA residents are living on an annual income that is well below the poverty line.

The YWCA owns seven one bedroom apartments which they rent to clients for \$630 a month or less. The tenants are allowed to stay in the apartments for as long as they need, but some have moved out and found other housing.

Everyone who lives in the permanent supportive

housing receives targeted case management from the YWCA staff. They help clients to navigate federal benefits, find resources in the community, and put them in touch with people who can help them with their benefits.

Although some funds have already been earmarked, the city has until 2024 to decide on how to spend the ARP funding, said Merill.

The city is careful to distribute the funding according to federal guidelines because they have to provide an audit trail on how they spent their ARP funding.

The city is accountable for keeping documentation and administrative backup showing how they have spent every penny of ARP funding and making sure that the organizations fit within ARP guidelines.

When final guidelines for ARP funding are released, the city will focus on meeting critical needs and maximizing funding with the city council, but they do not yet have a clear idea of how they are going to spend the funds.

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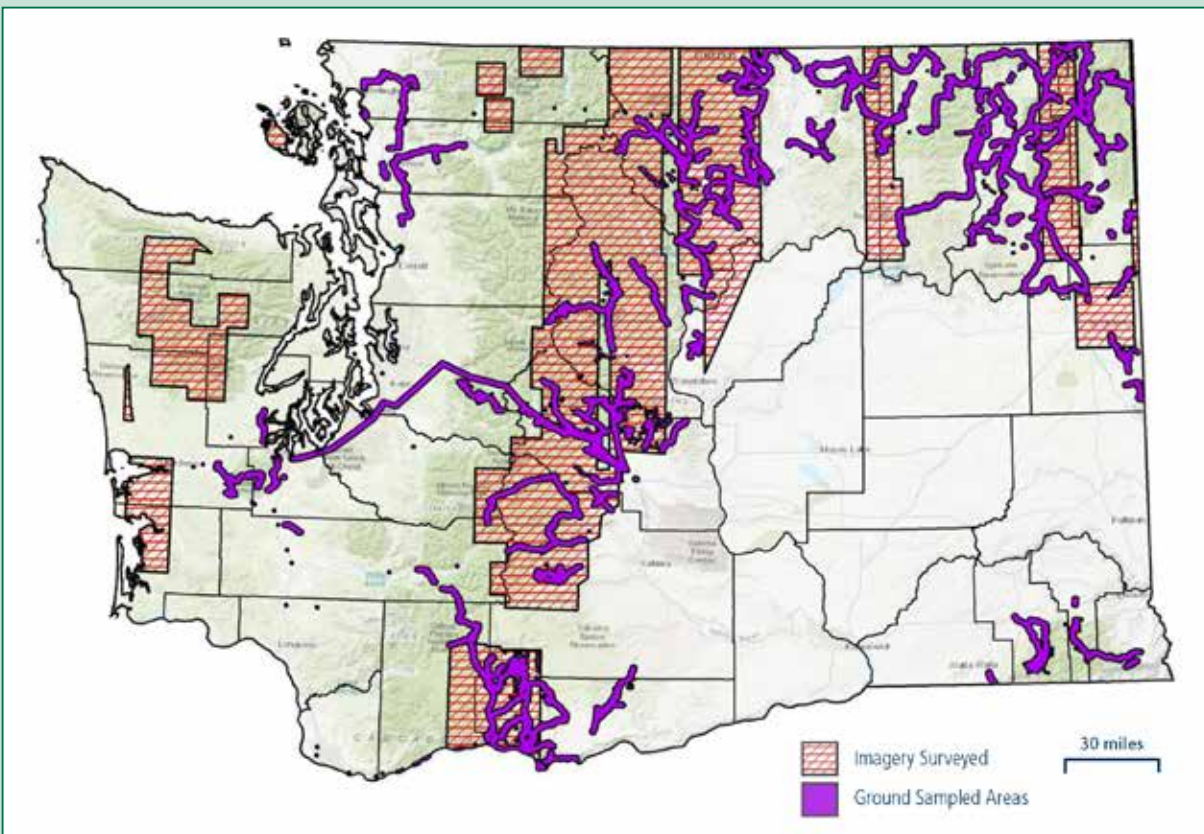
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Annual Forest Health Report

Interagency aerial survey flights canceled for first time since 1947 due to COVID-19



2020 insect and disease survey areas.

Coverage of the 2020 ground-based insect and disease survey, including ground sampled areas and aerial imagery analyses (combined WorldView and NAIP).

Source: DNR, USFS

report include:

- Detection of a non-native sooty bark disease causing on a variety of maple trees in the Seattle area.

The impact and distribution of the disease across the state is not currently known, but its spread onto native maple species is concerning and requires additional research.

- A total of 1,638 fire occurrences were reported statewide in 2020, up from 1,395 in 2019 and well above the 10-year average of 1,466.

About 95 percent of those were caused by humans and 41 were con-

sidered large fires by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), nearly double the 23 large fires recorded in 2019.

- Previously reported outbreaks of Douglas-fir tussock moth in Kittitas, Chelan and Okanogan counties appear to have collapsed due to natural controls.

An outbreak of spruce aphid affecting more than 10,500 acres of forest along the Washington coastline also seems to have collapsed.

- Dieback and mortality of western red cedar was observed in 2020 throughout Washington. ➤➤

Submitted by DNR

OLYMPIA – Washington’s forests continue to face an array of challenges brought on by an increasingly dry climate and the consequences of past forest management practices, according to the latest Forest Health Highlights report compiled by scientists with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Forest lands endured stressors like ongoing drought conditions and an historic fire season, forcing scientists with the DNR to adapt like never before.

Restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic grounded the interagency aerial survey conducted by DNR and the U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service for the first time since 1947.

“The Forest Health Highlights report is an annual reminder of the crisis our state forests face due to drought, disease and insect damage,” said Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, who leads DNR.

“Forests in poor health are more susceptible to catastrophic wildfires that threaten our communities and place our heroic firefighters at greater risk each summer.

“The information gathered by our scientists informs our implemen-

tation of DNR’s 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan and will help drive the groundbreaking investments in forest health made possible by House Bill 1168.”

DNR scientists used a combination of high-resolution satellite images, orthophoto imagery and ground surveys to cover about half of the normal 22 million acres of forestlands observed by the annual aerial survey.

Prioritization of areas with elevated risk, recent damage and the availability of satellite images led to about 80 percent of the surveys taking place in eastern Washington.

Observers drove more than 3,500 miles over several weeks to conduct the ground sampling.

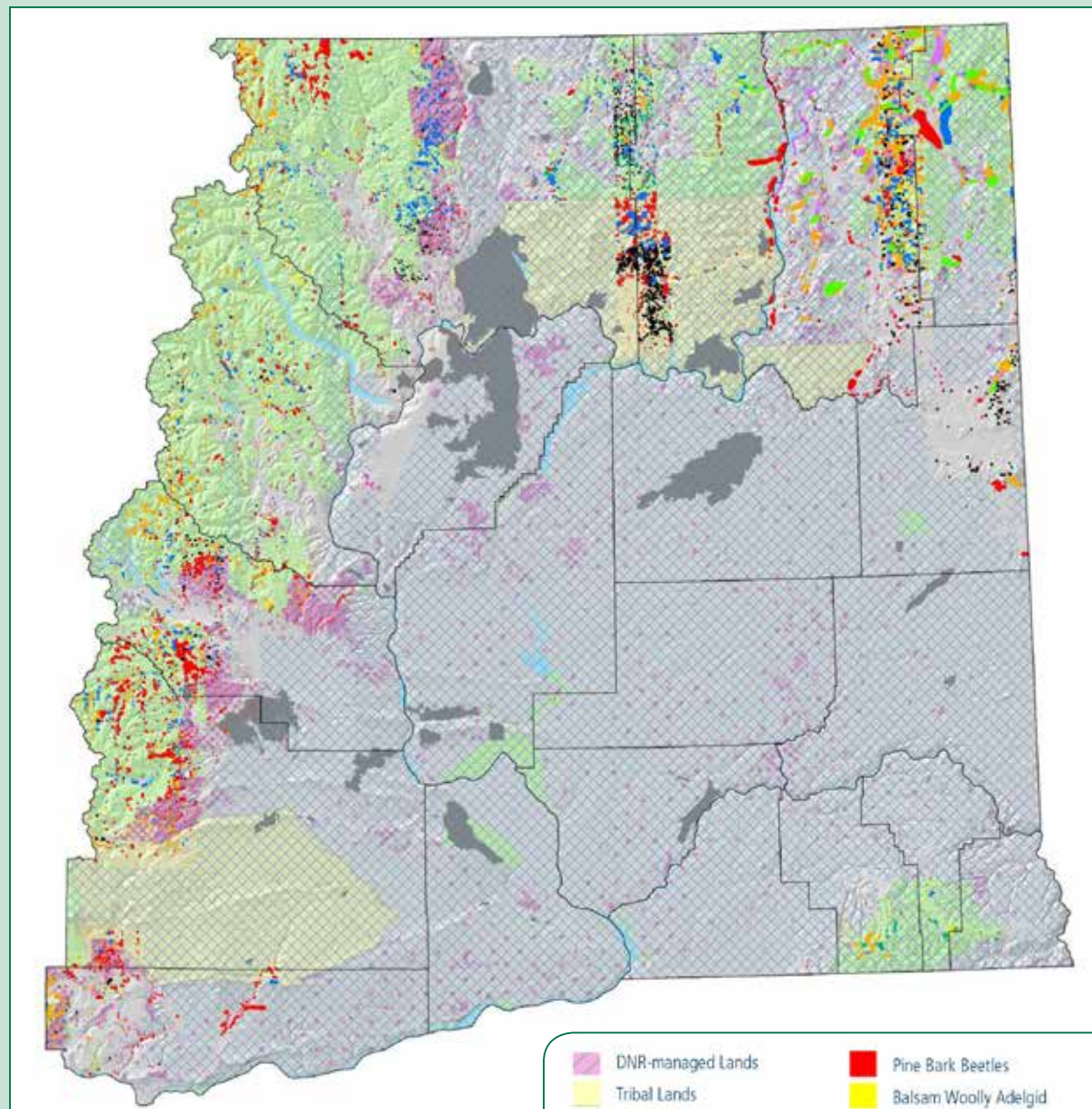
“One of our most important tasks each year is to monitor the health of Washington forests,” DNR Forest Entomologist Glenn Kohlersaid.

“Our forest scientists rose to the challenges presented by COVID-19, put forth the extra effort to collect data across thousands of square miles and will use the Forest Health Highlights report to guide their work for the coming year.”

Unlike in prior years, the 2020 Forest Health Highlights report does not include summaries of acres affected by specific damage agents due to the

reduced survey area and pandemic-caused changes to survey methods.

Highlights of recent trends and damage locations contained within the



Forest disturbance activity in Eastern Washington based on 2020 combined data.

2020 insect and disease data. Blue cross-hatched areas were not surveyed.

Source: DNR, USFS





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Urban Legends and Fire – A few of the Stranger Ways Fire and Wildfire Have Been Started

Gender reveal parties? Halloween? Hoarding? Glass jars?

By Barbara Carrillo,
Chumstick Wildfire
Stewardship Coalition

The top leading causes of fire in the United States include heating, cooking, electrical, smoking, candles, arson, and equipment.

Home heating equipment leads the way, however, and is the number one leading cause of fires in US homes.

Other behavior that increases fire risks include hoarding in structures, particularly homes, which increase the fuel load during a fire. When people hoard, it can create combustibles with items piling up such as magazines and clothing.

Hoarding can also block exits from the home making it more difficult to flee a fire or impair first responders from entering.

Fire causes can also vary by region, including areas that are at high risk for wildfire, or rural areas and urban areas that have specific fire risks.

In Washington State, the risk of wildfires is growing due to increased forest fuels, and drier forests which are more easily ignited due to warmer, drier conditions in the Western US. We also know that more Americans are moving closer to nature

and into fire prone areas.

Seasonal fires can start from summer storms or other environmental causes as well as from summer holiday events and parties.

Seasonal events are often a primary time for accidental fires when lighting strikes, or when using fireworks, grilling, or other outdoor entertaining.

Summertime is a great time to enjoy vacations, camping, picnics, and holiday celebrations. During this time, remember to keep your grill 10 feet from structures and build your campfires at least 25 feet from any-

thing that can burn. If you want to stay safe and see fireworks in the summer, go to a public showing put on by experts. People with disabilities and older adults are also more prone to fire risks.

Fire safety and kitchen safety are the top fire concerns and are the primary places where fires start for people with disabilities (www.ssvfd.org).

Watching your stove while cooking, keeping burners clean, and functioning smoke alarms in a kitchen can help everyone stay safe in the kitchen.

What do gender reveal parties and wildfires have in common? A California fire was sparked by a gender reveal party using pyrotechnics, and grew to more than 500 acres in September of 2020.

The El Dorado Fire in Southern California's San Bernadino County east of Los Angeles scorched over 10,574 acres. Evacuations were ordered but no injuries were reported and no structures were damaged. This is not the first time a gender reveal party started a fire.

In 2017, an off-duty US Border Patrol shot a high-powered rifle at a target packed with explosives as part of a gender reveal party, and it ignited a fire in Arizona that grew to almost 47,000 acres and caused more than \$8 million in damage (cnn.com).

Glass jars can be a leading cause of home fires. When sunlight is refracted through glass, the beam of light can be strong enough to start a fire. When the shape of the glass and the angle of the sun are perfectly situated, a fire will ignite. A fire was started by a jar of Nutella when it was placed on a window sill, and the refracted light then ignited the curtains nearby! (weirdomatic.com).

Storing ammunition in a home can also be dangerous if a fire starts in the home.

If the ammunition ignites during a fire, it can make it extremely dangerous for first responders to get inside safely to work on putting out the fire.

When ammunition goes off during a fire and they are not contained in a safe manner or approved storage containers and guns are loaded, there is nothing to contain the gun and the direct pressure created by the propellant in a cartridge igniting is like an aerosol can exploding.

When firefighters hear a popping noise such as gun fire, they must change their entry tactics and firefighting techniques before entering a home or building.

While enjoying Eastern Washington's great outdoors, stay on designated roads and trails. Avoid parking on dry brush or grass. Your vehicle's hot exhaust system can easily ignite dry vegetation. Keep tow chains away from

the road and make sure parts of your vehicle, such as the muffler, are not low enough to make contact with the road.

Keep a fire extinguisher in your car at all times and make sure your brakes are not overly worn as metal to metal contact can generate sparks and start a roadside fire.

Did you know a lawn mower blade striking a rock can also cause a spark resulting in a wildfire?

A backfire can occur when the burning fuel in a lawnmower engine comes out of the engine and into the exhaust system and explodes. Often a backfire starts after the engine of the lawnmower is turned off.

Clean and store your lawnmower after each use. One less spark, one less wildfire!

You may not always be able to avoid fire hazards, but with a little planning you can look for fire hazards around your home, family and community, take precautions and safety measures, and eliminate fire risk and create a safer environment for everyone!

More information on reducing your fire risk can be found at <https://www.chumstickcoalition.org/before-the-fire-2#family> <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Top-fire-causes> <https://www.ssvfd.org/safety/fire-safety-people-disabilities/> <https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/08/us/el-dorado-fire-gender-reveal-update-trnd/index.html> <https://weirdomatic.com/strange-but-true-5-weird-causes-of-house-fires.html>



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➤➤ Symptoms of dieback include discoloration of the needles, thinning crowns and heavy cone crops. Damage agents including wood-boring beetles and cedar bark beetles were observed at some sites, but recent drought and high temperatures are likely the primary cause of the dieback.

Ground surveys reported more extensive mapping of western red cedar dieback in 2020 than in previous years.

- WSDA conducted a gypsy moth eradication project in the spring of 2020 by treating more than 1,300 acres in two areas of Snohomish County. One of those areas was the site of the first-ever detection of the Hokkaido gypsy moth in the United States.

WSDA proposed a 634-acre treatment in Cowlitz County in the spring of 2021.

Large numbers of traps will be deployed along the Columbia River in 2021 in order to follow up on the detection of the Asian Gypsy Moth in northwest Oregon by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The Forest Health Highlights report informs scientists and forestland owners across the state of new and ongoing trends across the state.

Wildfire management teams also use the report to identify areas with concentrated fuels and hazardous trees.

“The health of Washington forests not only impacts our own quality of life, but the health of our environment, our local economies and our wildlife,” said Wash-

ington State Forester George Geissler, who oversees the Forest Health and Resiliency Division of DNR.

“That is why it is so important that we monitor our forests and help them combat the existential threats they face.”





Image courtesy of the Washington State Department of Ecology
Lead arsenate was the most widely used pesticide in the early 1900s.



Historic Arsenic Use in Orchards Leads to Current Development Problems

By Erin Mullins
Reporter

Lead arsenate was widely used as a pesticide throughout North Central Washington from the late 1800s to just before 1950, leaving current and historical orchard properties contaminated with lead, according to the Washington State Department of Ecology.

As the Wenatchee area grows, these contaminated lands are being developed and the lead arsenate poses a risk to public health. Nearly 115,000 acres of land may be contaminated with lead arsenate, which is a combination of lead and arsenic.

This soil needs to be cleaned before development continues since arsenic and lead are toxic metals which increase the risk of certain health problems when living in close proximity to them, according to the Department of Ecology. These heavy metals settle into the topsoil and stay there decades later. These metals are not absorbed by plants so they do not enter the food system.

Even though they do not enter the food system, arsenic and lead exposure occurs when tainted dirt is disturbed or ingested, accord-

ing to the Department of Ecology. Farmworkers, landowners, and construction workers who have direct contact with the soil are at risk of lead and arsenic exposure so cleanup is important.

Today, Geographic Information Systems mapping has been used to identify current and former orchard lands with lead contamination, according to the Department of Ecology. Historical images were analyzed by experts in Yakima's mapping departments to determine which lands were contaminated. This information was used by the Department of Ecology which launched a free tool called Dirt Alert for users to see if their property was contaminated or not.

If property users are concerned that their land has been contaminated, they can request that their land be tested for lead and arsenic contamination through X-ray fluorescence. Homeowners and business owners can request that their property be tested for soil sampling by emailing FormerOrchards@ecy.wa.gov.

A new model to clean up lead arsenate on former orchard lands across Central Washington was completed January 2021, according

to the Department of Ecology. The comprehensive plan for cleanup was created by the Legacy Pesticide Working Group and is available on their website.

The plan for handling lead contamination includes a comprehensive public education and outreach campaign, contamination removal from future development sites, an integrated permit process and a set of pre-approved cleanups at existing sites. Cleanups occurred at local plants and schools, according to the Department of Ecology.

In total, the cleanup of 26 schools and two parks was funded across the state. In Chelan County, schools in Wenatchee, Peshastin, and Manson were cleaned of lead and arsenic. In Douglas County schools in East Wenatchee, Orondo, and Bridgeport were cleaned. Schools in Spokane, Yakima, and Okanogan counties were also included in the cleanup.

When dealing with contaminated soil, developers need to know whether their land is contaminated. Sampling of soil for contaminants is required for new residential housing that is being built on historical orchard land, according to the Department of Ecology. Lead

contamination must be below 250 parts per million (ppm) and arsenic must be below 20 ppm before land can be developed.

To help with this process, an integrated development permit review is in place. The integrated development plan ensures that local governments will help communicate to developers and homebuilders what the Department of Ecology's requirements are for assessing soil contamination in the early process of building development.

Local governments will encourage developers to include sampling information and pre-approved model remedies for soil contamination in their building application materials, according to the Department of Ecology. A model remedy is a contamination clean-up method that has been pre-approved by the Department of Ecology by the state's environmental cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

Currently, four different model remedies are preapproved by the Department of Ecology for cleaning the soil. One option is that the dirt can be excavated and removed to a landfill, which is the most straightforward option. Another option is that a barrier like asphalt or soil

can be placed over contaminated soil to act as a cap to prevent exposure. A third option is similar and involves taking all the contaminated soil, consolidating it in one place and then placing a protective cap over that one area.

The fourth option involves mixing contaminated soil with clean soil. Outside of the pre-approved models, soil banks will be used to dispose of contaminated soil, according to the Department of Ecology. The legislature recently approved funding for soil banks to be used both to obtain clean soil and dispose of contaminated soil.

Cleaning up contaminated soil leaves developers with an extra cost when trying to develop new properties. The total cost of development, including soil cleanup and all costs of construction, of a single family home in the Yakima or Chelan areas was estimated to be \$330,000 by developers interviewed for the Legacy Pesticide Working Group report.

The development of old orchard lands into future single family homes, multifamily subdivisions, and future businesses relies on a comprehensive clean up of old lead and arsenic contamination. Moving forward, developers need to be aware of lead and arsenic contamination on their property and the methods approved by the Department of Ecology to clean up this contamination.

Our Woodlands are Wonderful – How Healthy Forests Keep Our Planet Flourishing

By Barbara Carrillo,
Chumstick Wildfire
Stewardship Coalition

A healthy forest and planet means managing our forests using the science of forestry. It is the practice of sustainably managing forests and their resources for the benefit of all of us – humans, the environment, and wildlife.

Good forest management decisions reflect and consider the current and future health of our forests, creating and sustaining clean water for our forests and communities.

These benefits include richer soil, healthy forest habitat, healthy watersheds, increased planet health, forest products, and bioenergy. Many forests cannot be healthy on their own.

In particular, our dry central and eastern Washington State forests cannot unless they have an established wildfire routine.

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Forests are much healthier when they are managed pro-actively with tools such as prescribed burning, thinning and cutting trees, planting new ones, fighting diseases, and monitoring and controlling invasive species.

Healthy forests are important to every one of us because we enjoy the outdoors and care about where we live, work, hike, camp, hunt, fish, and make special memories.

Around the world more than 300 million people live and work in forests, including an estimated 60 million indigenous people (forest-peoples.org).

Indigenous forests absorb and store about 34,000 million metric tons of carbon.

Trees are the best carbon capture technology in the

world and help clean the air and release oxygen in exchange.

Healthy forests create healthy and life sustaining environments for humans and wildlife to survive and thrive.

Nearly half of the Earth's known species live in forests yet deforestation threatens our forests across the globe.

Did you know that many of the medicines we use today have their origins in the rainforests of our planet with undiscovered cures still out there?

Nearly 90% of human diseases known to medical science are treated with prescription drugs that come from nature (rainforesttrust.org).

In North America alone, there are over 181 healing plants, lichens, and mushrooms. Many of the remedies we use today were created by our forefathers

using plants discovered hundreds of years ago (healthlifetip.com).

Healthy forests also provide overall increased human health. Recreating in our forests provides a getaway for people to enjoy the sun and fresh air in a forest and feel instantly better, providing significant mental health benefits.

Did you know Biophilia is a word for a human's innate draw to the natural environment?

Forests and trees provide humans with increased oxygen, reduced stress levels and help us to recover from fatigue and generally provide improved overall mood.

Trees also provide many of the wood products we use every day and contribute to the strength and resiliency of our communities, providing important jobs and contributing financially to the economy.



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Forests are a renewable resource, so protecting and caring for them is important to balancing the needs of trees, animals, and people.

Our forests help mitigate the effects of climate change and trees, produce oxygen, and absorb carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that gets trapped in our atmosphere and compounds the warming effect of our planet, and forests combat that process.

By absorbing gas during photosynthesis and storing it in their wood, leaves, and soil, trees keep more carbon dioxide from ending

up in the atmosphere where it traps heat.

We tend to take forests for granted and underestimate how important they are for people, wildlife, and the overall health of our planet. Let's all work to protect our forests and join the cause for global forest health. After all, we only have one earth as our home.

Learn more about protecting your home from wildfire, mitigating wildfire on your land or forest or donate to the cause of forest management at <https://www.chumstickcoalition.org/>. Additional resources include <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/forest-practices#>



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Exposure to heat can cause illness and death. The most serious heat illness is heat stroke. Other heat illnesses are categorized as heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat rash. You should always take precautions when temperatures are high, and the job involves physical work.

Risk Factors for Heat Illness

- High temperature and humidity
- Direct sun exposure without a breeze or wind
- Heavy manual labor
- No recent exposure to hot climate workplaces
- Not hydrating regularly
- Waterproof clothing

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion

- Headache, dizziness, or fainting
- Weakness and wet skin
- Irritability or confusion
- Thirst, nausea, or vomiting.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke

- May be confused, un-

able to think clearly, pass out, collapse, or have seizures (fits)

- May stop sweating.

How to Protect Workers

- Provide a lot of cool water to workers close to the work area. Drink often and BEFORE you are thirsty.
 - At least one pint of water per hour is needed.
- Modify work schedules and have frequent rest periods with water breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas.
- Know signs/symptoms of heat illnesses; monitor yourself; use a buddy system.
- Block out direct sun and other heat sources.
- Avoid beverages containing alcohol or caffeine.
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose fitting clothes.

What to Do When a Worker is ill from the Heat

- Call a supervisor for help. If the supervisor is not available, call 911.
- Have someone stay with the worker until help arrives.
- Move the worker to a cooler/shaded area.
- Remove outer clothing.

- Fan and mist the worker with water; apply ice (ice bags or ice towels).

- Provide cool drinking water, if able to drink.

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

ber 16th. Each chef will be paired with a Tour Builder and a local Columbia Distributing beverage provider!

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After a year off, due to COVID, the 2021 BNCW Golf Tournament was held on June 18th at the Highlander Golf Course and everyone had a blast!



Our amazing presenting sponsors, **Central Washington Concrete** and **Wenatchee Sand and Gravel** helped to put on a day full of golf, food and games. All holes had a sponsor with an activity or giveaway. Our golfers were spoiled!

Our theme was Redneck 'Merica and our very own "Sangster Motors" team didn't disappoint with their 'Merica themed costumes. Followed closely by Lexar Homes #1 team and their costumes!

The fun filled day included a "Breakfast Burrito" stop on the course provided by North Meridian Title & Escrow as well as numerous give-aways and even acorn hole contest to help lower scores!

The fun and sun filled day was wrapped up in the club house with delicious pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw and corn on the cob sponsored by **Riverway Contractor Inc.** and raffle prizes and awards galore.

Congratulations to our top two winners – First Place, Numerica Credit Union Team #1 and Second Place, Valley Tractor!

Thank you again to the Highlander Golf Course for being such great hosts, **Central Washington Concrete**, **Wenatchee Sand and Gravel**, **Riverway Contractor Inc.**, and all of our other amazing sponsors, volunteers, and donors.

We couldn't do what we do without you and we appreciate all of your support!

To see all pictures, please go to our website at www.buildingncw.org.





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BNCW EVENTS

BNCW's July Board of Directors Meeting

■ Wednesday, July 21, 2021
7:00am to 9:00am
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.

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while helping to establish relationships that other forms of marketing simply cannot match.

The **Banner Bank** and BNCW Home Tour & Remodeling Expo is one of the most effective methods for matching up industry professionals with consumers seeking trusted professionals!

This year's Tour takes place September 17-19.

Participation in the 2021 BNCW and Sangster Motors Home Tour & Remodeling Expo is limited.

So, if you're considering participation this year, we encourage you to act early! For more information about how you can be a part of this keystone event, please call the BNCW office at 509-293-5840 and speak with Danielle Martin, Membership and Events Director!

Keep Your Employees Safe!

With the forecast for record-setting heat in July, we want to ensure that our members are especially cognizant of outdoor heat exposure and how to avoid heat-related illnesses on the jobsite. This is also a good opportunity to extend the reminder that if you don't have a section within your L & I required Accident Prevention Plan (APP) that specifically addresses how your company complies with the Outdoor Heat Exposure rule, you should. Need help? Simply give BNCW a call and we'll help!



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Lauren Welsh, IIDA, now NCIDQ Certified Interior Designer

Spokane, WA – Bernardo Wills Architects would like to congratulate **Lauren Welsh**, IIDA, who passed her NCIDQ Exams in June 2021 and is now an NCIDQ Certified Designer.

This is a huge accomplishment and the culmination of months of study and years of work in the field.

“Cheers to you, Lauren!” Says Business Manager Gretchen Renz.

“We are so proud of your accomplishment and we are honored to have you on our team.”



Lauren Welsh

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From the left; Shelly Bird, Josh Stendera, Kyla Allen, Charlie Guildner.

Haven of Hope

Scott and Monique Johnson are the new directors of Wenatchee Rescue Mission and Haven of Hope, said the Wenatchee Network Group.

The Wenatchee Network Group reported that the two moved to Wenatchee in May to take over the businesses.

Scott’s goals are to give hope and opportunity to others and to help people

get off the streets and stay off them. He is collecting donations of men’s clothes and running a cardboard recycling program for businesses.

The Wenatchee Network Group reported that Monique runs Haven of Hope, an outreach program for women and children which can house about 21 people located at 202 S Franklin St.

The mission of Haven of Hope is to get women back on their feet to be a contributing member of society.

Monique’s goals are to make contact with high school counselors in order to get high school students to volunteer at the center, reported the Wenatchee Network Group.

She is also collecting donations of women’s clothing for the center.

North Cascades Bank Announces Executive Team Promotions

North Cascades Bank has recently announced the promotion of three key leaders on its management team.

Josh Stendera has been promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer, **Shelley Bird** to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and **Kyla Allen** to Executive Vice President and Director of Retail Banking and Marketing.

Stendera has been with the bank since 2014 and both Bird and Allen have been with the bank since 1996.

“As we position ourselves for continued growth in North Central Washington, it is critical that we have strong, clear leadership. Josh, Shelley and Kyla are experienced, respected bankers and each are instrumental to the management of our continued success,” said Charlie Guildner, president and CEO of North Cascades Bank.

North Cascades Bank is a division of Glacier Bank of Kalispell, Montana. Glacier Bank is a subsidiary of

Glacier Bancorp, Inc. (GBCI), a publicly traded regional bank holding company headquartered in Kalispell, Montana, operating individual bank divisions including North Cascades Bank.

These bank divisions provide financial services to individuals and community-based businesses throughout the western United States.

Additional information about the bank can be found at www.northcascadesbank.com



Nobel Prize winning author Gabriel García Márquez was quoted as saying, “All human beings have three lives, public, private and secret.”

In our modern world of the Internet search engines and DNA testing, keeping our private and secret lives separate is increasingly difficult. Sometimes they can come crashing in on our public lives when we least expect it.

Father Robert McCarthy is a middle-aged priest who is suddenly and unexpectedly confronted with his secret past. How he deals with the revelation of that past with his family, his congregation and the impacts of

that secret life is inspirational. How McCarthy discloses the news of his college indiscretion requires him to take everyone involved on a journey of confession. That journey forces him to deal with issues of homosexuality, judgmentalism, divorce and pride.

His pastoring skills and the depth of support from his wife help him bring forgiveness and restoration to many broken relationships.

The bonds of three families are ultimately restored through celebrations of life experiences including fishing, holiday gatherings, the discovery of unknown family connections and a wedding.

DeFazio, McMorris Rodgers, Murray Lead Bipartisan, Bicameral Letter Urging Biden to Make Columbia River Treaty Negotiations an Administration Priority

WASHINGTON – Reps. Peter DeFazio (OR-04) and McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) today led a bicameral, bipartisan letter to President Biden urging his administration to speedily renegotiate the Columbia River Treaty and to provide regular, substantive updates to Members of Congress on the status of negotiations.

“We have been working for years to renegotiate the Treaty,” said Rep. DeFazio. “It’s time for the White House to engage at the highest levels to ensure that constituents of the Pacific Northwest are not left footing the bill. Congress must be regularly advised of negotiations and future needs to successfully implement a renegotiated Treaty.”

“Modernizing this treaty is critically important to protecting our region from flood control risks and ensuring we can continue to lead with clean, renewable, reliable, and affordable hydropower,” said Rep. Rodgers.

“The status quo and lack of communication are unacceptable. It’s time for American leadership to step up and reach an agreement that benefits the entire Pacific Northwest in the 21st Century.”



“The renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty has been years in the making and after consistent bipartisan, regional communication that has weighed power, flood control, and ecosystem concerns, it’s time to finalize these negotiations,” said Senator Murray.

“We want to get to a good deal as quickly as possible for our economy and families across the Pacific Northwest. I hope and expect the Biden administration will work with Tribes and stakeholders to quickly reach a comprehensive renegotiation of the treaty while keeping Congress abreast of its progress.”

The Columbia River Treaty was negotiated in 1964. Over the past 50 years, population growth, changing weather

Bill’s Book is now available online through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Apple iBook The paperback is \$16.99 and the ebook is \$8.99. Or you can order the book directly from Bill at The Leavenworth Echo (509-548-5286), the Lake Chelan Mirror (509-682-2213), or by emailing your contact information to Bill.Forhan@gmail.com. Orders placed directly with the author have the added advantage of being signed including a short message if you like. Sales tax applies and if you request mail delivery add \$3.00 for postage. There is no charge if your order is picked up at the Echo or Mirror office.

Helping Students Fulfill their Dreams, One Scholarship at a Time

By Julie Mott

Scholarship Program Specialist, CFNCW

Two years ago, 32-year-old Amber Crocker was a new mom with a dream. She wanted to become a nurse but knew she would need some financial help to get her through nursing school. She applied for several scholarships at the at the Community Foundation of North Central Washington and her application rose to the top for many of our volunteers who diligently review scholarships. Amber ended up with three scholarship awards making her dream possible. Upon receiving the news of her awards, she sent us the following statement:

"When my son was born, I knew that I needed a career so that I could be a better person and role model for him. I want to show him that if you want something bad enough, and if you work hard enough, then any dreams can become reality. With these generous scholarships, I will be able to continue to get the most out of my education in order to

become the most prepared and competent nurse that I can be."

Amber's story is one of dozens of equally personal and heartfelt messages we



Julie Mott

receive from our scholarship recipients at CFNCW. They are the culmination of the hectic and wonderful time of year we call "scholarship season."

Every year approximately 2,500 scholarship applications are carefully read and reviewed by over 200 volunteers. 120 scholarships, each with their own unique criteria and review committees, are publicized to schools throughout North Central

Washington. Last year, 201 students were awarded a combined total of \$734,852 to help them realize their future goals. While the numbers vary slightly, this remarkable work happens every year at the CFNCW thanks to people like you.

Since our inception, donors have trusted us to realize their dream of creating scholarships for students in our region. CFNCW follows rigorous standards set by the IRS to manage endowed scholarship funds to ensure a fair and unbiased awards process. Donors often establish scholarships in honor of mothers, fathers, grandparents, spouses, or children who have passed away - memorializing those individuals and creating joy and opportunity out of sadness and loss.

Since scholarship funds are endowed, awards are made every year, in perpetuity. Students who receive scholarships write thank you notes (like Amber's) which we share with the donors. These thank you notes are incredibly inspiring and it is this feed-

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back loop, from scholarship student to scholarship donor, that strengthens donors' commitments to their scholarships. In fact, donors often designate a portion of their wills or estate plans to their scholarships, knowing they will continue to benefit students for generations to come.

While managing the scholarship season is extremely labor-intensive, it is incredibly rewarding as well as eye-opening. Long-time board member and scholarship volunteer Peter Valaas remarks, "Having served many years on scholarship review committees, I find

that the applicant's academic record and letters of recommendation are contributors to my decision but what carries the most weight is their personal statements. At this juncture they open up their lives, hopes, and dreams to a total stranger and the stories I have read are frequently very moving. Many live in households on the edge of economic well-being and often bear a large share of the load of caring for younger siblings and even supporting the family economically. Although it is extremely gratifying to be able to offer financial assistance toward their con-

tinuing education, there is a specter of sadness knowing of the yet unmet need remaining."

If you would like to help with the unmet needs that Peter describes and want to start a scholarship fund of your own, we welcome your call. Or, if you would like to get involved on one of our scholarship review committees, we always need the help would love to hear from you. What better way to spend your time than helping make students' dreams become reality?

To learn more, visit www.cfncw.org/PIG.

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Liberty Orchards announces sale

will fuel growth opportunities for the Liberty Orchards business and across KDV's portfolio.

Liberty Orchards' production will have access to resources, research and development, and years of mass-scale distribution experience to tap into. Through it all, KDV will remain committed to their constant mission of using food as a way of bringing people together. Efforts to contact officials of KDV were unsuccessful as of press time, but a review of the company's website illustrates the company has extensive experi-

ence in modern production, distribution and marketing of its products. Taylor said he believes they have the capital and expertise to grow Liberty Orchards beyond its current operations. "We are excited to welcome Liberty Orchards to the KDV family, to meld fresh ideas with long-standing traditions, and to continue making products loved by so many Americans," said Denis Shtengelov, KDV Group's CEO.

Liberty Orchards is located at 309 Mission Ave. Cashmere, WA

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The Columbia River Treaty

patterns, clean energy and carbon reduction state-based requirements, and coal plant retirements have driven transformational changes to the region's utility sector and broader economy.

The 2013 Regional Recommendation made clear that power benefits to Canada, known as the Canadian Entitlement, must

be rebalanced to reflect an equitable sharing of the Treaty's benefits.

The U.S. government and others have studied the issue and concluded that the U.S. is vastly overpaying Canada for the benefits it receives, now more than \$150 million per year. This cost is passed on to American ratepayers.

The status quo is not

acceptable to the Pacific Northwest and comes at significant economic harm.

In the letter, the lawmakers reemphasized the urgency of prompt negotiation of a modernized treaty and urged the Biden administration to provide regular substantive updates to Members of Congress on the status of negotiations.

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AKER MICHAEL B	STIMAC VINCENT G & LORRE A	\$2,400,000	8272 S LAKESHORE RD	CHELAN	0.3200	2406	2019		3.5	N	Y
MAGGI STEVEN R & EVANS MARY S REVCBLE TRST	JAMES & MARCUS LLC	\$2,000,000	920 N MISSION ST	WENATCHEE	0.2700	1764	0			N	N
POLLARD JILL A & BARTON B	MC NALLY PAUL M	\$1,910,000	1150 LITTLE BUTTE RANCH RD	CHELAN	30.0000	2173	2001	3	3	N	Y
DAIGER ALLAN S & LAURIE A	HIGGINSON ALAN & WENDY	\$1,795,000	1240 W WOODIN AVE	CHELAN	0.0000	380	0			N	N
DESJARDINS DEREK D & FRY KRYSTAL M	JENNINGS BRYAN D & JODY B	\$1,730,000	303 CLOS CHEVALLE RD	CHELAN	0.6000	2109	2014	4	3	N	N
KMO HOLDINGS LLC	CHRISTIENSEN DOUGLAS J	\$1,700,000	948 S LAKESHORE RD	CHELAN	0.2100	874	1930	2	2	N	N
LARSON RICHARD J & LADENA M	HAMRICK BLAIR	\$1,625,000	115 CRYSTAL DR	CHELAN	0.4800	1625	2006	3	4.25	N	Y
RABINOWITZ SCOTT & SNYDER STACI	PETTIT TIMOTHY E & TRACEY L	\$1,600,000	10215 US HWY 97A	ENTIAT	0.3700	2646	2005	4	3	N	N
KMO HOLDINGS LLC	GBI HOLDING CO	\$1,400,000	1885 S WENATCHEE AVE	WENATCHEE	0.8600	3530	1972			N	N
KYLE MATHISON ORCHARDS INC	STEMILT GROWERS LLC	\$1,300,000	4597 STEMILT HILL RD	WENATCHEE	3.7700	13838	1972			N	N
MORONES TIMOTHY & KRISTEN	GUS LIVING TRUST	\$1,300,000	65 HELIOS HILLS LN	MANSON	0.6100	1046	1986	3	1.75	N	Y
ODEGARD DONALD L & DARCIE L	BOLLINGER JAY R & RHONDA L	\$1,250,000	2058 MAIDEN LN	WENATCHEE	0.4500	3418	2019	6	4	N	Y
TURNER CAMERON & SHANNON	SCOTT PAUL J & JENNIFER L	\$1,250,000	7896 STINE HILL RD	DRYDEN	1.1500	3105	2007	3	3	N	Y
SKYLINE INDUSTRIES LLC	HELTON SCOTT P	\$1,250,000	16052 S LAKESHORE RD	CHELAN	0.8800	1128	1969	3	2	N	Y
BENZEL TIMOTHY M & KRISTEN M	ENGLAND NATHAN R & SARA J	\$1,225,000	955 KLATE RD	MANSON	8.5400	4026	2005	4	3	N	N
WOLF SCOTT & MAKI CHELSEA L	CARTUS FINANCIAL CORP	\$1,202,100	2009 BROADVIEW NORTH	WENATCHEE	0.5500	4171	1995	5	5.5	N	Y
FLUEGGE MATTHEW W & HEIDI R	TIEDEMAN SANDRA F	\$1,165,000	173 SWEETWATER LN	ENTIAT	5.0300	1883	1994	3	2.5	N	Y
PETTIGREW JUSTEN W & LISA	LYNCH KEVIN D & CAMIEKAE	\$950,000	4148 EELS RD	CASHMERE	3.0600	2583	1987	3	3.5	N	Y
NIKISHIN MARIA & SERGEI	DAVIES DANIEL JR & CATHERINE A	\$875,000	12780 PROWELL ST	LEAVENWORTH	1.0000	2240	1990	4	3	N	Y
ELLINGTON JULIE K	PARKS TIMOTHY A & DEBORAH J	\$875,000	109 SAGE VIEW LN	WENATCHEE	1.1000	2861	2011	3	3.5	Y	Y
THAYER CHRISTOPHER & MAO FEIBI	KELLY GARY & LINDA	\$868,500	205 TIMBER RIDGE CANYON RD	LEAVENWORTH	5.3600	4050	1977	4	2.5	N	N
LOCH RANDALL B P & TRISHA K	KEPPLER BRYAN R	\$865,000	3090 SCENICVIEW DR	WENATCHEE	1.8100	2500	2004	3	3	N	Y
KOPETZKY DAVID C & DENEISE L	BELDING RYAN & JENNIFER	\$850,000	464 PORCUPINE LN	CHELAN	0.1000	1077	2014	2	2	N	N
BUTAUD CHRISTOPHER & MARY J	HOCHSTEIN GEORGE & MARIA	\$832,500	4530 NAVARRE COULEE RD	CHELAN	6.2800	3676	2017	4	3.5	N	N
POOLSIDE HAPPINESS LLLP	ERHART BRUCE A & VERONICA S	\$825,000	1461 COTTAGE LN	CHELAN	0.0400	1056	2019	2	1.5	N	N
FLOREA MICAH & ELIZABETH	ERICKSON SCOTT ETAL	\$810,000	2069 BROADCREST CT	WENATCHEE	0.4800	2338	2004	5	4	N	Y
SIMS-KELLY LLC	CURRAN ROBERT H	\$799,000	9081 ICICLE RD	LEAVENWORTH	0.5000	1620	1978	2	1.75	N	Y
HILDERBRAND KELSEY R & JENNIFER B	HAMILTON MICHAEL	\$775,000	2602 AUSTIN CT	WENATCHEE	1.5700	3570	1974	4	2.5	Y	Y
STORDAHL DESIREE D & JASON S	DORAZIO CHRISTOPHER & KATHERINE	\$765,000	419 BUTTE RD	CHELAN	0.2100	2282	2020	4	2.5	N	N
BRAY JOHN & NANCY	SHOEMAN JACK & EVELINA C	\$749,000	14524 MORNING SUN DR	CHELAN	0.6700	2020	2004	4	4.5	N	N
DAVIES DANIEL JR & CATHERINE A	STRUTZEL E PAUL	\$715,000	5385 MAJESKA LN	CASHMERE	1.1800	2349	1996	3	3	N	Y
ALLEY PAUL D & STACY L	GRIFFIN ROBERT P & TACEY E	\$709,000	302 CANYON PL	WENATCHEE	0.2900	2055	2008	3	3.5	N	Y
FIXMAN ANDREW R	LONG CORY T	\$702,000	22895 FIR DR	LAKE WENATCHEE	1.0000	1565	2010	2	2	N	Y
RAMANOVICH VIKTOR & LOHVIN PIOTR	FROMONG DELMER & GENEVIEVE	\$690,000	3676 ALLEN LN	PESHASTIN	0.3400	2208	2004	3	2.5	N	Y
COLLYER MEGAN A & NATHAN O	SLACK LESLIE B & ELIZABETH JOAN	\$690,000	1735 VISTA LINDA TER	WENATCHEE	0.3900	2503	1991	4	3.5	N	Y
FILIZ ONUR & SEZEN S	CHELAN LOOKOUT LLLP	\$683,000	1339 DRAGONFLY CT	CHELAN	0.1000	0	0			N	N
ROBERTS JOEL & LAURA	HEATH TIMOTHY O & JUDY M	\$675,000	425 BURKE AVE	LEAVENWORTH	0.0900	2104	2006	3	2.5	N	Y
IWEN RANDALL C & ADAMS GENEVIEVE K	MOORE ALLAN G & CAROL ANN	\$670,000	75 MILAN DR	MANSON	0.4800	1752	2014	3	3	N	Y
CHERRY CREEK INC	ST GERMAIN GORDON H & DARLA M	\$667,500	4810 STEMILT HILL RD	WENATCHEE	1.4000	3795	1918	2	1	N	Y
BEAUPRE EDWARD & ROBIN D	MEYER LARRY B	\$660,000	110 PARK AVE	LEAVENWORTH	0.2200	2336	1998	3	2.5	N	N
STONER JAMES P & SHELBY R	NATION MIRIAM ETAL	\$650,000	2347 W HIGH ST	CHELAN	0.3100	1680	1964	2	1.5	N	Y
GERSACK BRETT M & CHRISTIANE	WELCH ETAL HARLAN LEE	\$630,000	200 DIVISION ST	LEAVENWORTH	0.2600	1217	0			N	N

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KILBURG JOHN & NICOLE	ROBERTS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$629,900	1026 RACINE SPRINGS DR	WENATCHEE	0.2000	0	0			N	N
ROBERTS NATHAN R & ERIN D	LINKE SUE	\$625,000	1815 ASPEN CREEK LN	WENATCHEE	0.3400	2842	1994	4	2.5	N	N
MAY EVAN R & ROBLES KAREN	SOUSLEY CY & KIFFEN L	\$615,000	209 PATON ST	CASHMERE	0.2700	2058	1945	4	3	N	Y
SMITH SHAWN A & WILLIAMS AMY M	CHRISTIANSON DONALD E	\$605,000	256 LILLY LN	WENATCHEE	0.3000	2054	2008	3	2.5	N	N
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Peace Armory firearms opens for business in Pateros

By Mike Maltais
Staff writer

PATEROS – Jake Collins moved here from the Tri-Cities in 2014 to provide his children with the kind of small-town rural upbringing similar to that he remembered as a youngster. His oldest, Jacob, graduated Pateros High School this year and his youngest just finished kindergarten. Collins was also looking for a little peace and quiet. He found the quiet and the peace materialized earlier this month when he

opened the doors of his new business, Peace Armory at 164 Pateros Mall, Suite A.

Peace Armory sells both handguns and rifles and the ammunition they use. Inventory is still arriving as suppliers struggle to meet the growing demand from businesses that are restocking after more than a year of pandemic-related restrictions to customer access and service hours. Transportation backlogs remain an

issue but with every week that passes more inventory arrives to meet anticipated demand. In the meantime, Collins also takes on repairs and gunsmithing problems for firearms owners.

Collins said he became acquainted with the area from his parents who honeymooned in Mazama, made frequent trips to the county, and purchased retirement property here. Collins arrived with the intent to try his hand at farming and recently began acquiring honeybee colonies along that line. To supplement his income Collins took a job in the firearms section of the Brewster Marketplace Pharmacy which later sold to ACE Hardware.

Collins purchased his first firearm, a Remington 870 pump shotgun as soon as he was legally old enough. With that shotgun he spent every Wednesday and Saturday of duck hunting season with a neighbor who would pick him from school in mid-week and on Saturday mornings.

“We’d go twice a week, and we’d usually limit,” said Collins. “It was jump shooting that we did, and I’d chase along behind the truck and pick up beer cans and bottles and he’d recycle them for gas so we could go the next trip.”

While Collins pursued farming, it was working at the Brewster gun shop that planted the seed to open his own firearms outlet. Along with handguns and rifles, Collins is custom retrofitting AR model rifles.

“I’ve built about a dozen and have about six more going on right now,” said Collins. “They are so versatile that you can have one gun and just with a few changes you can make it run about eight or nine different calibers.”

Firearms safety goes hand-in-glove with Collins’ philosophy of gun ownership. Collins is in the process of getting his NRA certification so he can conduct beginning safety training for youngsters.

“I grew up with firearms and knives being around

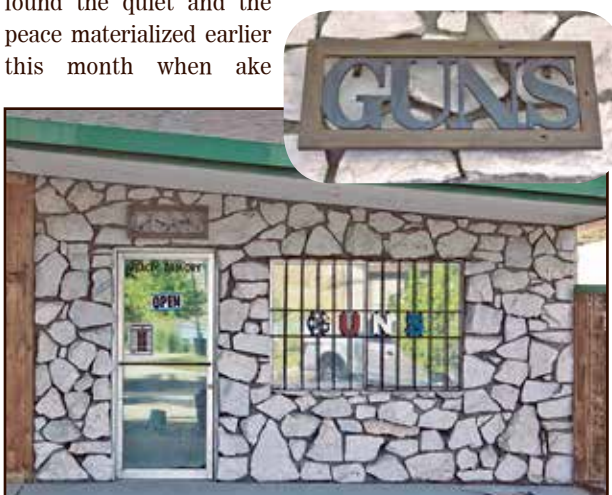


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Jake Collins, owner of Peace Armory in Pateros, works on a spring mechanism adjustment on a customer’s rifle.

and they are tools to me, no better or worse than the person carrying them and like all tools they need to be respected,” said Collins. “They are a way to feed yourself, protect yourself, and protect your family. That’s

how I feel about firearms.” Peace Armory is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Find it online at facebook.com/Peacearms or call 509-350-6742.



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The south-facing exposure from the Peace Armory has a nice view of Lakeshore Park and Lake Pateros.

Okanogan County Labor Area Summary – April 2021

Overview

This report provides an update on the Okanogan County economy incorporating not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm employment and civilian labor force data.

Analysis focuses on year over year (April 2020 and April 2021) and average annual data (between 2019 and 2020) in the labor market.

Unemployment rates

Civilian Labor Force

(CLF) data show that Washington's not seasonally adjusted average annual unemployment rate jumped from 4.1 percent in 2019 to 8.4 percent in 2020.

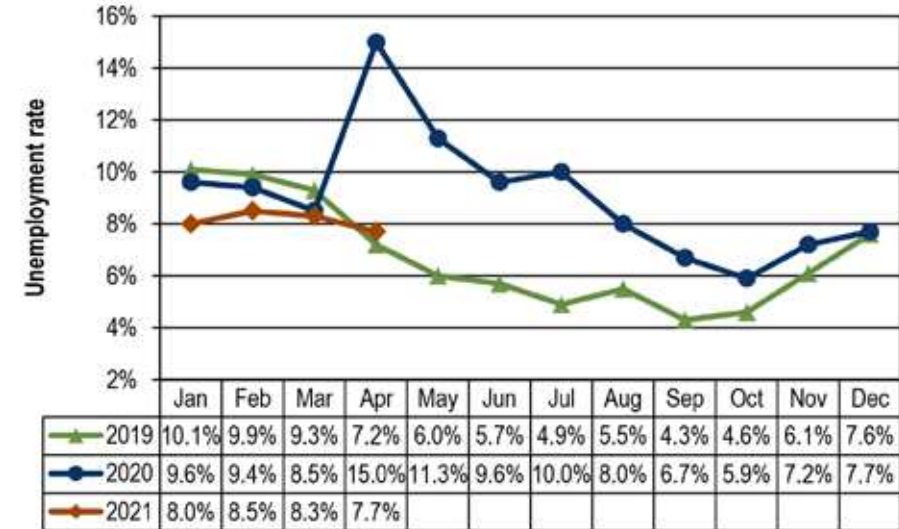
However, between April 2020 and April 2021, the rate declined from 16.3 to 6.1 percent, a ten and two-tenths percentage points downturn.

In Okanogan County, the not seasonally adjusted

average annual unemployment rate increased two and four-tenths percentage points between 2019 and 2020, from 6.7 to 9.1 percent.

In April 2020, the onslaught of COVID-19-related layoffs drove local unemployment upwards to 15.0 percent, but in April 2021 the rate subsided to 7.7 percent, a seven and three-tenths point decline – good news for the local economy.

Okanogan County unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted Washington state, January 2019 through April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



Okanogan County's unemployment rate dropped from 15.0 percent to 7.7 percent between April 2020 and April 2021.

Total nonfarm employment

Between 2019 and 2020, estimates indicate that Washington's labor market provided 184,300 fewer nonfarm jobs, an average annual decrease of 5.3 percent.

In April 2021, business and government organizations statewide tallied 3,331,800 jobs (not seasonally adjusted) compared with 3,101,100 in April 2020,

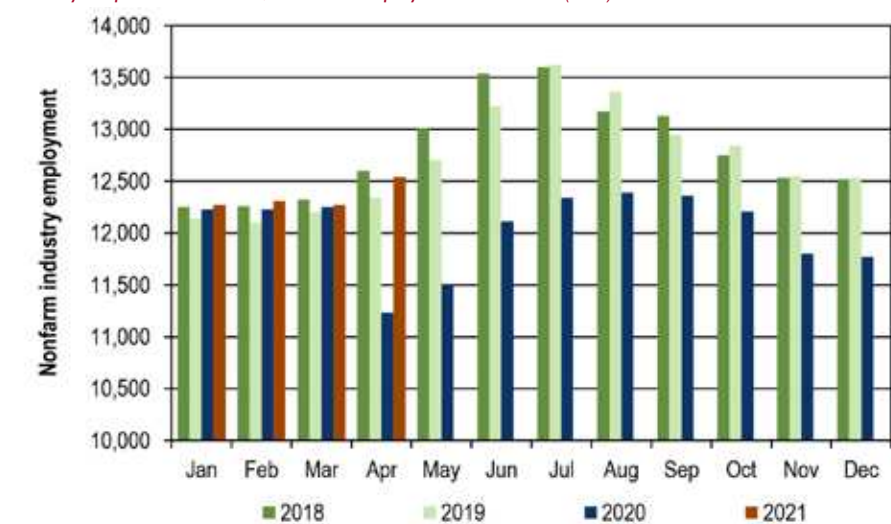
a gain of 230,700 jobs and a 7.4 percent upturn.

Washington's labor market contracted during each of the 12 months from April 2020 through March 2021 prior to this 7.4 percent increase from April 2020 to April 2021. Okanogan County's nonfarm economy lost 670 jobs in 2020, an average annual decrease of -5.3 percent. Year over year, total nonfarm employment con-

tracted in Okanogan County following COVID-19-related layoffs in April 2020, with job-loss rates decelerating through December 2020.

Employment then edged upwards in January 2021 and by April 2021, the number of total nonfarm jobs rose by 1,310 jobs (up 11.7 percent over April 2020) as employment advanced from 11,230 jobs to 12,540, respectively.

Okanogan County nonfarm industry employment, not seasonally adjusted, in thousands Washington state, January 2018 through April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



In April 2021, nonfarm employment increased to 12,540, a 1,310 job advance from the 11,230 jobs tallied in April 2020.

Employment and unemployment

Washington's Civilian Labor Force (CLF) edged upwards by 5,550 residents (a marginal 0.1 percent upturn) from 2019 to 2020.

Most of this expansion occurred in the first half of 2020. Statewide, the labor force has been shrinking for the past six months (November 2020 through April 2021); contracting by

-1.2 percent, from 3,964,302 residents in April 2020 to 3,918,653 this April.

Okanogan County's CLF declined by -5.2 percent between 2019 (20,388 residents) and 2020 ➤➤



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Okanogan County labor force and industry employment, not seasonally adjusted Washington state, April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Current Employment Statistics (CES)

Wenatchee MSA	Preliminary Apr-21	Revised Mar-21	Revised Apr-20	Change		Percent change
				Mar-21 Apr-21	Apr-20 Apr-21	Apr-20 Apr-21
Labor force and unemployment						
Civilian labor force	63,483	62,035	65,776	1,448	-2,293	-3.5%
Resident employment	59,413	57,908	55,166	1,505	4,247	7.7%
Unemployment	4,070	4,127	10,610	-57	-6,540	-61.6%
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.7	16.1	-0.3	-9.7	
Industry employment (numbers are in thousands)						
Total nonfarm ¹	44.6	43.5	39.5	1.1	5.1	12.9%
Total private	35.5	34.9	30.3	0.6	5.2	17.2%
Goods producing	5.4	5.3	4.5	0.1	0.9	20.0%
Mining, logging and construction	3.0	3.0	2.5	0.0	0.5	20.0%
Manufacturing	2.4	2.3	2.0	0.1	0.4	20.0%
Service providing	39.2	38.2	35.0	1.0	4.2	12.0%
Private services providing	30.1	29.6	25.8	0.5	4.3	16.7%
Trade, transportation, warehousing and utilities	10.1	9.9	8.4	0.2	1.7	20.2%
Retail trade	6.4	6.4	5.3	0.0	1.1	20.8%
Education and health services	8.0	8.0	7.5	0.0	0.5	6.7%
Leisure and hospitality	5.9	5.6	3.7	0.3	2.2	59.5%
Government	9.1	8.6	9.2	0.5	-0.1	-1.1%
Federal government	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0%
State government	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0%
Local government	7.1	6.9	7.2	0.2	-0.1	-1.4%
Workers in labor/management disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

¹ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households and agriculture. Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers receiving pay during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Columns may not add due to rounding.

Between April 2020 and April 2021, the Okanogan County nonfarm labor market gained 1,310 jobs, an 11.7 percent upturn.

➤➤ (19,338 residents). Year-over-year contractions in the Okanogan County CLF were substantial from May through December 2020 until a 0.6 percent CLF expansion in January 2021, followed by slower loss rates from February through April 2021.

Recently, the number of residents in the CLF shrank by 367, from 19,593 in April 2020 to 19,226 in April 2021.

Conversely, the number of unemployed plunged by 49.5 percent as 1,451 fewer Okanogan County residents were out of work this April than in April 2020.

The modest, year-over-year shrinkage in the labor force (bad news) was more than offset by this dramatic decline in the number of residents unemployed in April 2021 (extremely good news).

The result: the county's

not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 15.0 percent in April 2020 to 7.7 percent in April 2021. In fact, the Okanogan County unemployment rate of 7.7 percent this April was roughly comparable to the 7.2 percent reading in April 2019 (only five-tenths of a point higher) – an indication that the local economy is slowly returning to some level of “normalcy.”

Nonfarm industry employment

Not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment in Okanogan County increased by 11.7 percent in April 2021, as employment rose to 12,540 from the 11,230 jobs tallied in April one year ago, in the heyday of COVID-19-related layoffs.

Total nonfarm employment countywide this April (12,540 jobs) was up by 200 jobs and 1.6 percent from the 12,340 jobs tallied in April 2020.

The following paragraphs highlight job changes in three

local industries (construction, retail trade, and leisure and hospitality) between April 2020 and April 2021:

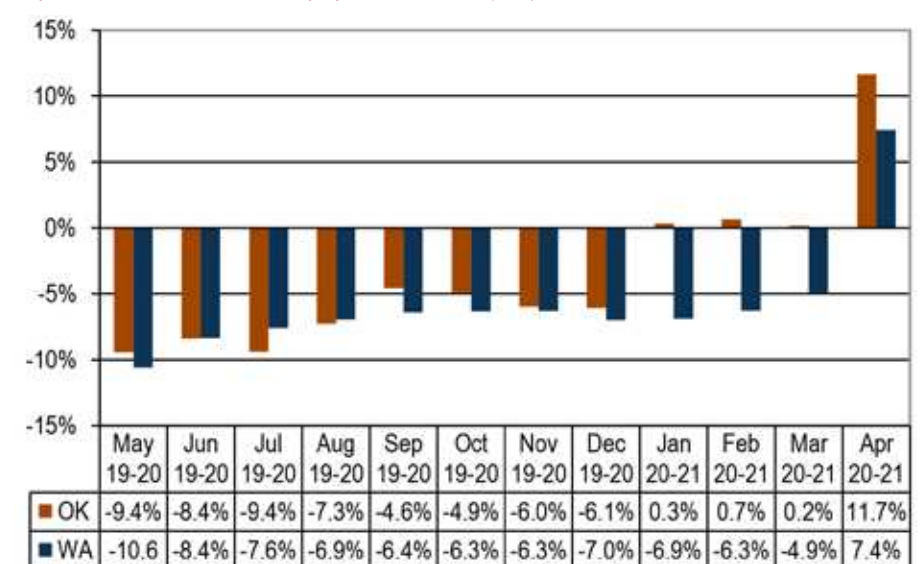
◆ Year over year, employment in Okanogan County's construction industry has expanded for the past six months (November 2020 through April 2021). Preliminary estimates indicate that in April 2020 the mining, logging, and construction sector (in which the majority of jobs are in the local construction industry) provided 460 jobs countywide, a figure which jumped to 660 jobs, up 43.5 percent, this April. State-

wide, construction employment retrenched in each of the ten months from April 2020 through January 2021 before stabilizing in February 2021 and expanding in March and April 2021.

◆ Employment in Okanogan County's retail trade industry expanded by 6.6 percent (up 110 jobs) between April 2020 and April 2021, climbing from 1,660 jobs to 1,770. Statewide, retail trade employment decreased from April through July 2020, stabilized in August 2020, and

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Okanogan County and Washington total nonfarm employment changes Washington state, May 2019 through April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



Year over year, nonfarm employment in Okanogan County contracted from April through December 2020 but began edging upwards in January 2021 with a strong 11.7 percent upturn in April 2021. Washington's nonfarm market contracted for 12 months but grew by 7.4 percent between April 2020 and April 2021.

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increased from September 2020 through April 2021.

Recently, Washington state's retail sector advanced from 346,500 jobs in April 2020 to 399,700 in April 2021 (up by 53,200 jobs at 15.4 percent).

All retail trade subsectors posted gains this April com-

pared with April 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began to depress Washington's labor market.

But of all of the retail trade subsectors statewide (i.e., motor vehicle and parts dealers, building material and garden supply stores,

food and beverage stores, general merchandise stores, other retail trade stores, etc.) one subsector accounted for over half (51.7 percent) or 27,500 of the 53,200 retail jobs added between April 2020 and April 2021.

This subsector is "other retail trade" and it is comprised of internet shopping establishments.

◆ Leisure and hospitality employment in Okanogan County lost jobs for 23 consecutive months, year over year, from February 2019 through December 2020. But >>>

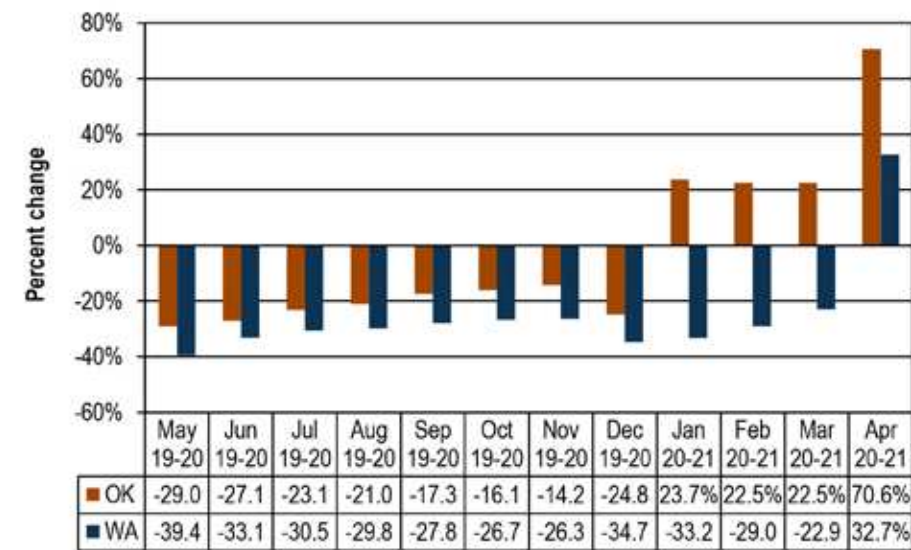
>>> estimates show a growth trend in this industry from January through April 2021. Between April 2020 and April 2021, leisure and hospitality (primarily hotels, eating and drinking places, and amusement and recreation) added

600 jobs across Okanogan County, a sharp 70.6 percent upturn as employment rose from 850 jobs to 1,450.

Nearly half (45.8 percent) of the 1,310 nonfarm jobs added countywide between April 2020 and April 2021,

were in the leisure and hospitality industry. Employment in Washington state's leisure and hospitality industry retrenched for 13 months (March 2020 through March 2021) before the 32.7 percent upturn in April 2021.

Okanogan County and Washington leisure and hospitality employment changes Washington state, May 2019 through April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



Leisure and hospitality employment in Okanogan County lost jobs for 23 consecutive months, year over year, from February 2019 through December 2020. However, estimates show a growth trend in this industry from January through April 2021.

Agricultural employment

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

Frequently termed "covered" or "QCEW" data, this information provides a reliable data set for comparing employment and wage trends in major industries at the county level.

In September 2020, revised average annual QCEW data for calendar year 2019 became available. An analysis of employment changes from 2009 through 2019 shows that in Okanogan County:

◆ Total covered employment decreased from 17,659 in 2009 to 16,794 in 2019, an

865-job and 4.9-percent downturn, with annualized employment growth between 2009 and 2019 of minus-0.5 percent.

The number of agricultural jobs (a subset of total covered employment) decreased from 5,652 in 2009 to 4,392 in 2019, a 1,260 job and 22.3 percent downtrend, with annualized employment growth between 2009 and 2019 of -2.5 percent.

In 2009, Okanogan County's agricultural industry accounted for 32.0 percent of total covered employment. In 2019, agricultural employment accounted for just 26.2 percent of total covered employment countywide.

Hence, the share of agricultural employment dropped by 5.8 percentage points (from 32.0 to 26.2 percent) in Okanogan County during this most recent ten-year period.

◆ Total covered wages rose from \$457.3 million (in 2009) to \$594.0 million (in 2019), a \$136.6 million and 29.9 percent upturn, with annual-

ized wage growth between 2009 and 2019 of 2.6 percent.

The agricultural payroll (a subset of total covered wages) advanced from \$94.9 million in 2009 to \$105.9 million in 2019, an \$11.1 million and 11.7 percent uptrend, with annualized wage growth between 2009 and 2019 of a modest 1.1 percent. I

In 2009, Okanogan County's agricultural industry accounted for 20.7 percent of total covered wages.

In 2019, agricultural wages accounted for 17.8 percent of total covered payroll countywide. Hence, the share of agricultural wages declined by 2.9 percentage points (from 20.7 to 17.8 percent) in Okanogan County from 2009 through 2019.

One could generalize that in relative terms, within this most recent ten-year timeframe, the agricultural industry has become less "influential" in Okanogan County's economy in terms of employment and payroll.

Wenatchee MSA (Chelan and Douglas Counties) Labor Area Summary – April 2021

Overview

This report provides an update on the Wenatchee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) economy incorporating not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm employment and civilian labor force data.

Analysis focuses on year over year (April 2020 and April 2021) and average annual data changes (between 2019 and 2020).

Unemployment rates

Civilian Labor Force (CLF) data show that Washington's not seasonally adjusted average annual unemployment rate jumped from 4.1 percent in 2019 to 8.4 percent in 2020. However, between April 2020 and April 2021, the rate declined from 16.3 to 6.1

percent, a ten and two-tenths percentage points downturn.

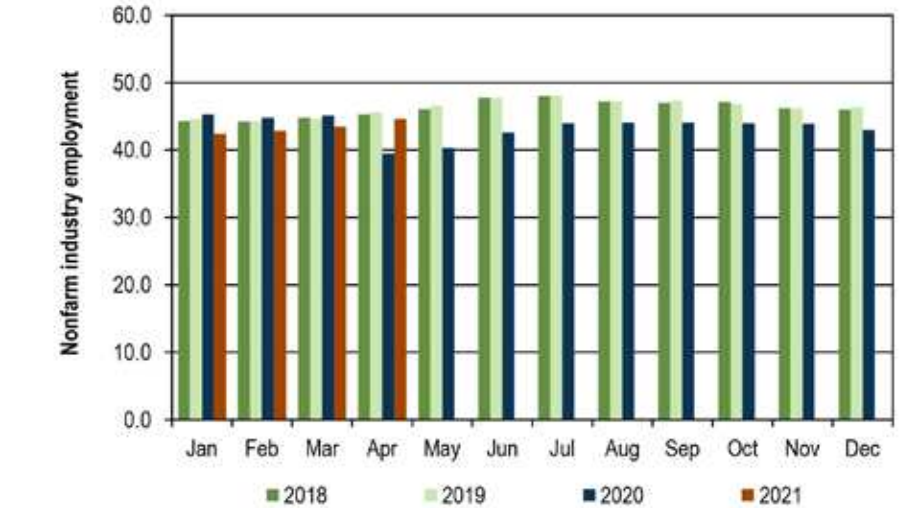
In the Wenatchee MSA, the average annual unemployment rate rose from 5.1 percent to 8.4 percent between 2019 and 2020. COVID-19-related layoffs pushed unemployment rates upwards, year over year, from April 2020 through March 2021, but the Wenatchee MSA's unemployment rate decelerated by nine and seven-tenths percentage points between April 2020 and April 2021 (6.4 percent).

Total nonfarm employment

Between 2019 and 2020, estimates indicate that Washington's labor market provided 184,300 fewer nonfarm

jobs, an average annual decrease of 5.3 percent. In April 2021, business and government organizations statewide tallied 3,331,800 jobs (not seasonally adjusted) compared with 3,101,100 in April 2020, a gain of 230,700 jobs and a 7.4 percent upturn. Washington's labor market contracted during each of the 12 months from April 2020 through March 2021 prior to this 7.4 percent increase from April 2020 to April 2021. Estimates indicate that the Wenatchee MSA's economy lost 2,900 jobs in 2020, a 6.2 percent downturn, higher than Washington's -5.3 percent loss rate during 2020. The Wenatchee MSA nonfarm market contracted, year over year, for 12

Wenatchee MSA nonfarm industry employment, not seasonally adjusted, in thousands Washington state, January 2018 through April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



Nonfarm employment in the Wenatchee MSA increased by 12.9 percent between April 2020 and April 2021.

months (April 2020 through March 2021). But it expanded by 12.9 percent in April 2021 (44,600 jobs), up 5,100 jobs over the April 2020 job level of 39,500. The downside: the local economy has still not recovered all jobs lost since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two years ago, in April 2019, total nonfarm employment provided 45,600 jobs, one thousand more jobs than the 44,600 jobs tallied this April.

Employment and unemployment

Washington's Civilian Labor Force (CLF) edged upwards by 5,550 residents (a marginal 0.1 percent upturn) from 2019 to 2020. Most of this expansion occurred in the first half of 2020. Statewide, the labor force has been shrinking for the past six months (November 2020

through April 2021); contracting by -1.2 percent, from 3,964,302 residents in April 2020 to 3,918,653 this April.

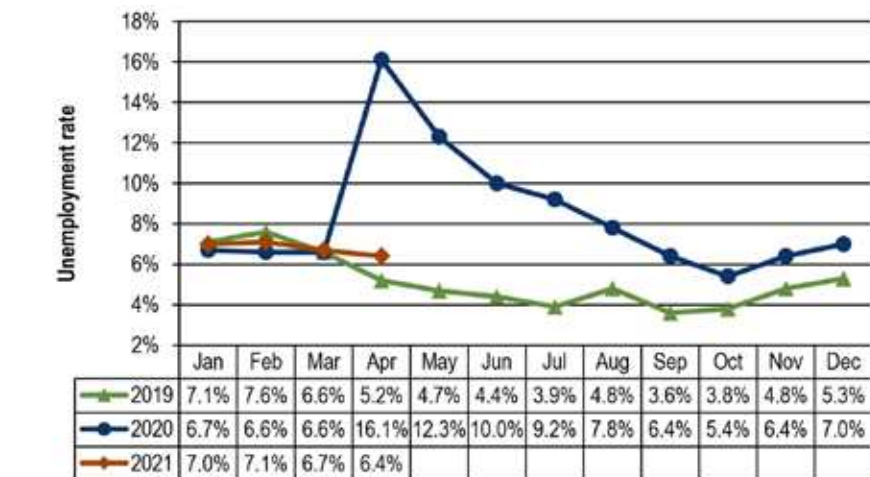
The Wenatchee MSA's CLF shrank from 66,981 residents in 2019 to 65,471 in 2020, a -2.3 percent downturn. Year over year, the labor force in the Wenatchee MSA has contracted in each of the past 12 months (May 2020 through April 2021) and estimates indicate that this labor force shrank by 2,293 residents between April 2020 and April 2021. On the positive side, the number of unemployed residents in the Wenatchee MSA (Chelan and Douglas counties) plummeted from 10,610 in April 2020 to 4,070 this April, a dramatic -61.6 percent decrease (Figure 3). Hence, the contraction of the labor force was more than countered by the decline

in the number of residents out of work between April 2020 and April 2021, which caused the Wenatchee MSA's unemployment rate to decrease from 16.1 percent to 6.4 percent during this timeframe.

Nonfarm industry employment

Between April 2020 and April 2021, total nonfarm employment in Chelan and Douglas counties (the Wenatchee MSA) increased from 39,500 to 44,600 jobs, a 5,100 job and 12.9 percent upturn. This upturn was encouraging economic news since the local nonfarm market had posted year-over-year job losses during the 12-month period from April 2020 through March 2021. Hence, this April's 12.9 percent and 5,100 job increase was the first month, in the past 12

Wenatchee MSA unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted Washington state, January 2019 through April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



The Wenatchee MSA's unemployment rate fell by nine and seven-tenths percentage points between April 2020 and April 2021.

Wenatchee MSA labor force and industry employment, not seasonally adjusted Washington state, April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Current Employment Statistics (CES)

Wenatchee MSA	Preliminary Apr-21	Revised Mar-21	Revised Apr-20	Change		Percent change Apr-20 Apr-21
				Mar-21 Apr-21	Apr-20 Apr-21	
Labor force and unemployment						
Civilian labor force	63,483	62,035	65,776	1,448	-2,293	-3.5%
Resident employment	59,413	57,908	55,166	1,505	4,247	7.7%
Unemployment	4,070	4,127	10,610	-57	-6,540	-61.6%
Unemployment rate	6.4	6.7	16.1	-0.3	-9.7	
Industry employment (numbers are in thousands)						
Total nonfarm ¹	44.6	43.5	39.5	1.1	5.1	12.9%
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Manufacturing	2.4	2.3	2.0	0.1	0.4	20.0%
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Education and health services	8.0	8.0	7.5	0.0	0.5	6.7%
Leisure and hospitality	5.9	5.6	3.7	0.3	2.2	59.5%
Government	9.1	8.6	9.2	0.5	-0.1	-1.1%
Federal government	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0%
State government	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0%
Local government	7.1	6.9	7.2	0.2	-0.1	-1.4%
Workers in labor/management disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

¹ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households and agriculture. Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers receiving pay during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Columns may not add due to rounding.

The Wenatchee MSA nonfarm market provided 44,600 jobs in April 2021, a gain of 5,100 jobs since April 2020.

months (i.e., since the start of COVID-19-related layoffs in April 2020) in which the local labor market registered year-over-year job growth. Washington state's nonfarm market also contracted in each of the 12 months from April 2020 through March 2021, before posting year-over-year growth this April. But Washington's year over year nonfarm job-growth rate of 7.4 percent in April 2021 was not quite as strong as the 12.9 percent acceleration in employment in the two-county Wenatchee MSA. Two local industries which seem to be driving this April 2020 to April 2021 recovery in the local labor market are manufacturing, up 400 jobs and 20.0 percent (versus a -4.8 percent loss rate statewide); and leisure and hospitality, up 2,200 jobs and 59.5 percent (versus a 32.7 percent advance statewide).

Summaries of employment changes between April 2020 and April 2021 for three local industries (construction, leisure and hospitality, and local government) are provided as follows:

◆ In the mining, logging, and construction category (Figure 3) most jobs are

in "construction." The Wenatchee MSA's construction industry lost jobs year over year from April through October 2020, stabilized in November and December 2020, and expanded from January through April 2021.

In April 2021, construction provided approximately 3,000 jobs in the MSA, a 500 job and 20.0 percent upturn from the 2,500 tallied in April 2020. A glimpse at the number of closed sales in April 2020 versus April 2021 in the Wenatchee market (i.e., in Wenatchee, Malaga, East Wenatchee, Orondo and Rock Island, WA), from the April 2021 Real Estate Snapshot newsletter published by Pacific Appraisal Associates, shows that the number of single-family homes or condominiums sold in the Wenatchee market year to date (YTD) virtually stabilized. From January through April 2020, there were 279 closed sales in the Wenatchee market. This elevated a "tick" to 280 closed sales in the first four months of 2021, up by only one sale and 0.3 percent. The number of active listings however, plummeted during this timeframe, from 114 listings in April 2020 to only 35 in April

2021 (down by 79 listings and 69.3 percent). This reduction in active listings is likely occurring simply because homes/condos are selling so quickly. One indicator of course, is rising home prices. The newsletter also stated that the median sales price of homes/condos sold in the Wenatchee market soared from approximately \$345,000 YTD in April 2020 to \$400,000 YTD in April 2021, a rise of 15.9 percent..

◆ Year over year, retail trade employment in the Wenatchee MSA expanded from February through April 2021. Between April 2020 and April 2021, employment in this industry climbed from 5,300 to 6,400, an appreciable 1,100 job and 20.8 percent increase. Statewide, retail trade employment decreased from April through July 2020, stabilized in August 2020, and increased from September 2020 through April 2021. Recently, Washington state's retail sector advanced from 346,500 jobs in April 2020 to 399,700 in April 2021 (up by 53,200 jobs and 15.4 percent). All retail trade subsectors posted gains this April compared with April 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began to depress Washing-

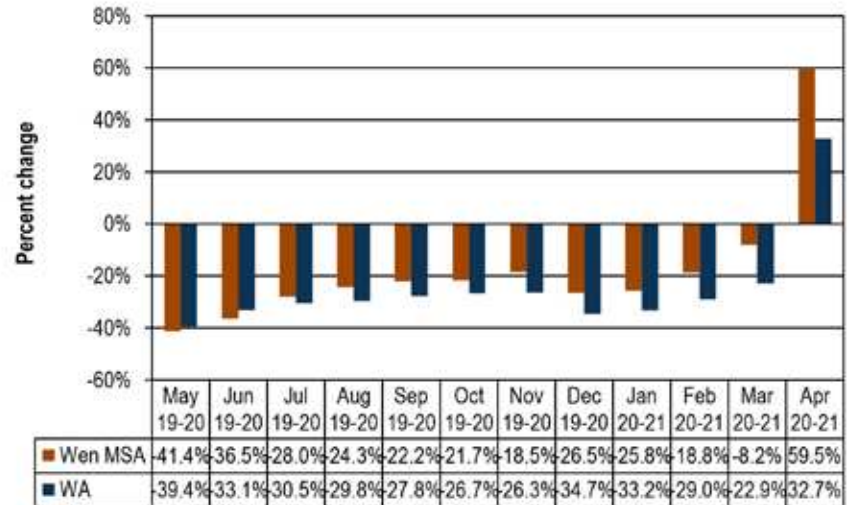
ton's labor market. But of all of retail trade subsectors statewide (i.e., motor vehicle and parts dealers, building material and garden supply stores, food and beverage stores, general merchandise stores, other retail trade stores, etc.) the subsector, which accounted for over

half (51.7 percent) or 27,500 of the 53,200 retail jobs added during this timeframe, was "other retail trade" (i.e., internet shopping firms).

◆ COVID-19-related layoffs in leisure and hospitality were more severe than layoffs in any other Wenatchee MSA indus-

try during 2020. However, between April 2020 and April 2021, leisure and hospitality (primarily hotels, eating and drinking places, and amusement and recreation) added 2,200 jobs across the MSA, a sharp 59.5 percent upturn as employment rose from 3,700 jobs to 5,900.

Wenatchee MSA and Washington state leisure and hospitality employment changes Washington state, May 2019 through April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Current Employment Statistics (CES)



Year over year, employment in the Wenatchee MSA's leisure and hospitality industry plummeted by -44.8 percent in April 2020, decelerated to -8.2 percent by March 2021, then soared by 59.5 percent in April 2021. Employment in Washington state's leisure and hospitality industry rose by 32.7 percent between April 2020 and April 2021.

Agricultural employment

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage (QCEW) program, conducted by the Washington State Employment Security Department provides agricultural and nonagricultural employment and wages for firms, organizations and individuals whose employees are covered by the Washington State Employment Security Act. Frequently termed "covered" or "QCEW" data, this information provides a reliable data set for comparing employment and wage trends at the county level.

In September 2020, revised average annual QCEW data for calendar year 2019 became available. An analysis of industry employment changes from 2009 through 2019 shows that in Chelan County:

◆ Total covered employment rose from 39,137 in 2009 to 44,225 in 2019, a 5,088 job and 13.0 percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 1.2 percent.

However, the number of agricultural jobs (a subset of total covered employment) decreased from 9,598 in 2009 to 9,474 in 2019, a 124 job and -1.3 percent downtrend with an annualized growth rate of -0.1 percent. In 2009, Chelan County's agricultural industry accounted for 24.5 percent of total covered employment.

In 2019, agricultural employment accounted for 21.4 percent of total covered employment countywide. Hence, the agricultural share of total covered employment decreased three and one-tenth percentage points (from 24.5 to 21.4 percent) in

Chelan County during this ten-year period.

◆ Total covered wages (not adjusted for inflation) rose from \$1.254 billion (in 2009) to \$1.892 billion (in 2019), a \$637.7 million and 50.8 -percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 4.2 percent. The agricultural payroll (a subset of total covered wages) advanced from \$189.3 million in 2009 to \$277.3 million in 2019, an \$88.0 million and 46.5 percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 3.9 percent. In 2009, Chelan County's agricultural industry accounted for 15.1 percent of total covered wages, but by 2019, agricultural wages tallied 14.7 percent of total covered payroll; meaning that the agricultural share of wages dipped four-tenths of a percentage point (from 15.1 to 14.7 percent) during this ten-year period. One could generalize that during this most recent ten-year timeframe, the agricultural industry has become less "influential" in Chelan County's economy (in terms of the agriculture/total covered employment and the agriculture/total covered wage ratios).

For Douglas County, an analysis of industry employment changes from 2009 through 2019 shows that:

◆ Total covered employment rose from 10,924 in 2009 to 12,496 in 2019, a 1,572 job and 14.4 percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 1.4 percent. The number of agricultural jobs (a subset of total covered employment) decreased from 3,138 in 2009 to 2,961 in 2019, a 177 job and 5.6-percent downturn with an annualized growth rate of -0.6 percent. In 2009, Douglas County's agricul-

tural industry accounted for 28.7 percent of total covered employment. In 2019, agricultural employment accounted for only 23.7 percent of total covered employment countywide. Hence, the agricultural share of employment contracted by five percentage points (from 28.7 to 23.7 percent) in Douglas County during this ten-year period..

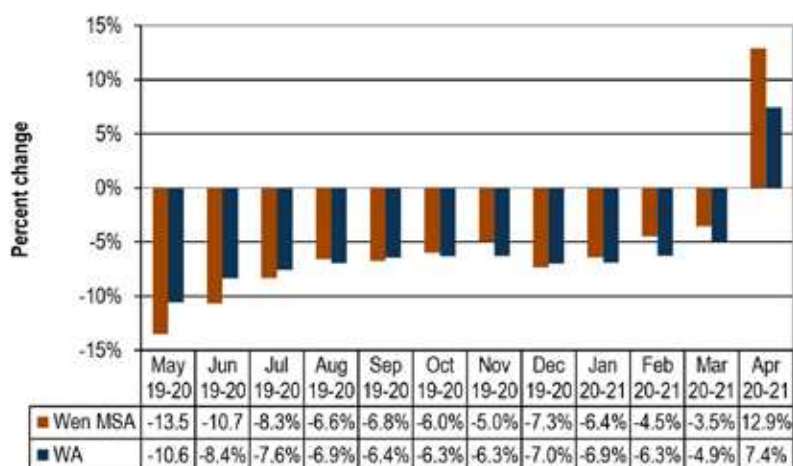
◆ Total covered wages (not adjusted for inflation) rose from \$307.7 million in 2009 to \$488.6 million in 2019, a \$180.9 million and 58.8 percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 4.7 percent. The agricultural payroll (a subset of total covered wages) advanced from \$52.4 million in 2009 to \$80.6 million in 2019, a \$28.2 million and 53.8 percent upturn with an annualized growth rate of 4.4 percent.

In 2009, Douglas County's agricultural industry accounted for 17.0 percent of total covered wages, and by 2019, agricultural wages tallied 16.5 percent of total covered payroll; meaning that the agricultural share of wages slipped by five-tenths of a percentage point (from 17.0 to 16.5 percent) during this period.

One could generalize that during this most recent ten-year timeframe, the agricultural industry has become substantially less "influential" in Douglas County's economy (in terms of the agriculture/total covered employment ratio) and somewhat less "influential" (in terms of the agriculture/total covered wage ratio).

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

Wenatchee MSA and Washington state total nonfarm employment changes Washington state, May 2019 through April 2021. Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



The Wenatchee MSA's nonfarm market contracted for 12 months (April 2020 through March 2021) before expanding by 12.9 percent in April 2021. Washington's nonfarm market also contracted for 12 months but grew at a less robust 7.4 percent pace between April 2020 and April 2021.



CHELAN COUNTY

Keep your cool: Energy-saving tips to ride the heatwave

By Rachel Hansen, Chelan PUD

WENATCHEE—Chelan County’s typically mild June is set to broil under a triple-digit heatwave predicted to last several days. Here are a few tips to help you – and your power bill – stay comfortable as temperatures rise.

Cool with a breeze.

Ceiling fans are an energy-efficient way to circulate air and help you feel cooler; they allow you to keep the thermostat about 4 degrees higher without sacrificing comfort. Turn off the fan when you leave the room.

Use windows to your advantage.

Open your windows at night to let the cool air in and close your blinds during the day to keep the sun out. For more savings, upgrade to energy-efficient windows that help block solar rays. You may be eligible for a PUD rebate to upgrade to energy-efficient windows—now with double the cash back.

Turn up the thermostat.

Keep your home’s thermostat around 78 degrees during the day and if comfortable, open your windows and turn the AC off before going to bed to cool off naturally at night. Smart thermostats can save energy by automatically adjusting to your personal schedule – and can earn you a \$100 rebate.

Upgrade your cooling.

Outdated heat pumps and air conditioners can raise cooling costs, so can leaky window ACs. Upgrade to a new energy-efficient heat pump or ductless heat pump and receive a rebate of up to \$1,400 from Chelan PUD. If you have a newer system already, consider a tune-up and change your air conditioner filters for better efficiency.

Launder wisely.

Heating water accounts for about 90 percent of your washing machine’s energy use, so use cold water instead. Give your dryer a break and hang your cloths out to dry.

Cook without heating your home.

Cook with a microwave, barbecue or a no-cook recipe instead of your oven or stovetop.

Headed to the river?

River flows on the Columbia River are more likely to change – sometimes unexpectedly – as the West grapples with drought conditions this summer. With Chelan PUD’s Current app, you can track the flow of the river, the water depth at the end of boat launches, and even the water temperature. Available free for Apple and Android platforms at chelanpud.org/app.



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Taqueria El Chavo bought by new owners



A photo of the exterior of Taqueria El Chavo.

By Erin Mullins Reporter

Recently, Taqueria El Chavo in Cashmere was acquired by the owner of Pavz Tacos in Leavenworth, Carlos Bernal Lopez. Taqueria El Chavo, also known as El Chavo, is a well-known and beloved restaurant in Cashmere.

The restaurant will remain open under the same management and then reopen July 5th under new management, according to the announcement.

When the acquisition was announced on social media, a great deal of controversy resulted. Locals are concerned that the restaurant will change and serve different food or that prices will be raised. However, Lopez said that he does not plan to change the way that El Chavo is operated.

Lopez said that the current owner’s wife will stay with the restaurant as the prep cook to ensure that the recipes stay the same. Additionally, all the current staff will continue to work for the restaurant after it is acquired by the new owners, which allows for a smooth transition which ensures the menu stays the same.

Lopez does not plan to raise prices at El Chavo. He said that the reason that prices for food are more expensive in Leavenworth is because of higher rent. However, in Cashmere rent is cheaper and so he will not have to raise the prices.

Renovations are planned for the restaurant like a new floor and new paint. The restaurant will open under new management after the renovations are finished, which will be around July 5th. However, if renovations are not finished El Chavo may open a few days later.

Lopez said that the renovations are planned because he wants the community to have the best atmosphere and not because he is trying to change the restaurant.

Lopez bought the restaurant because he wants to expand his business and because people love the food at El Chavo. People have loved his restaurant in Leavenworth and he wants to see if he can replicate that in Cashmere. Lopez is new to the area and immigrated here from Guadalajara, Mexico with his family three years ago.

“I just have three years living in this town, and I love all the valley. You know, I love Cashmere, Peshastin, Dryden. It’s a good place to live,” said Lopez.

He moved to the area to become a chef at Rhein Haus and worked there about eight months before buying Pavz. Operating during a pandemic has been difficult and the main reason his business has been able to stay afloat is the outdoor dining set up on Front

Street in Leavenworth.

Because the kitchen at El Chavo is bigger than Pavz, a larger variety of food will be able to be prepared to serve at both restaurant locations. Lopez plans to add a shrimp cocktail to the menu as well as items like fajitas. However, even though he is adding to the menu Lopez does not plan to get rid of any of the current loved items at El Chavo.

Lopez plans to operate two businesses with help from his family and the current staff of El Chavo. His brother-in-law, wife, and sister will help him to run the two businesses successfully. Lopez invites the entire community to try out his new restaurant once it opens.

“We just wanna ask the people of Cashmere, give us a try and give us the opportunity to know us. You know, we just want to try to give the best to the community,” said Lopez.

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