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# Linda Bradshaw named 2024 Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves

**Cameron West receives** 

Realtor of the Year award

By Taylor Caldwell

Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH Linda Bradshaw was officially revealed as the 2024 Royal Lady of the Autumn Leaves during the traditional Royal Lady Gala on Mar. 5. The anointed Royal Lady has a busy year ahead of her, representing Leavenworth in nine different festival parades across the northwest while also attending her home festivities.

"It's really thrilling to be asked. I mean, I'm representing my hometown," said Bradshaw.

Bradshaw's tour will commence at the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee, followed by Leavenworth's Maifest. Then, the Royal Lady and her parade team will travel to Spokane, New Westminster, B.C., Portland, Marysville, Cashmere, Olympia, Seattle, and Penticton, B.C., until wrapping up her tour at Leavenworth's very own Autumn Leaf Festival in September.

While traveling as the Royal Lady may be new territory, Bradshaw has been involved with the Autumn Leaf festivities since 2017, when her best friend Cindy Hassinger was named the Royal Lady. Bradshaw traveled with Hassinger to the different parades, then helped design pins, build the floats, and served on the Royal Bavarian Council in subsequent years.

"It's fun. It's exciting...You're going to different places where you can share what your community is like and you see other people have great communities too. But ours is the best," joked Bradshaw. "Everybody knows Leavenworth and everybody wants to do the chicken dance with us, and the whole crowd shouts out, "We love Leavenworth!"

When Bradshaw got the call last fall asking her to be the 2024 Royal Lady, she was surprised, but honored.

"It's not something that you ever campaign for...you just do it because you love it. You love the work, or you love the community, or you love the people. And so when they honor somebody, it's pretty special," said Bradshaw.

Since its conception in 1964, the Autumn Leaf Festival has chosen women who have been influential in their service to the community, as a way to honor their involvement and best represent Leavenworth on the road. But as Bradshaw sees it, it's also a nod to the history of women who helped save Leavenworth, including her mother-in-law, Ella Bradshaw.

Ella was a part of the Vesta Junior Women's Club of Leavenworth. According to previous Echo reporting, the club formed in 1954, and was influential in passing a levy for a firehall, getting bonds approved to build a new high school, and cleaning up the city park and cemetery. The club helped launch Project L.I.F.E. in 1962, which started the conversation about revitalizing the city with a theme to attract tourism, which the town would decide to be Bavarian years later.

Their largest impact was in 1964, when the club won \$10,000 for the town in a competition sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Sears Roebuck Foundation. The win helped give Leavenworth the economic boost and publicity it needed to get the ball rolling. The win that year coincided



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See LINDA BRADSHAW Page B3 2024 Autumn Royal Lady Linda Bradshaw.

### Cascade School District introduces real-time bus tracking app for parents

By Taylor Caldwell

Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - Cascade School District is introducing a new app for parents to use as part of its transportation scheduling system. Beginning Mar. 6, the all-in-one Stopfinder app will show real-time information about bus schedules and allow parents to track their child's bus anytime and from anywhere.

Through the app, parents can opt-in to be notified of schedule

changes, delays, arrivals, or when the bus is nearing their child's stop. The app also allows for two-way communication between parents and the Cascade Transportation Department through private messaging. While it does allow parents to notify bus drivers of any changes in their child's schedule, Cascade Superintendent Tracey Edou said that last-minute changes

will not work with the new system. "It's still important to give plenty of advanced notice," said Edou during a district board

meeting.

The app's interface is akin to other public transportation apps in terms of schedule displays, but the bus tracking is similar to following a driver's progress in an Uber or Lyft

The new app could help the Cascade Transportation Department streamline communication with parents while managing a vast area of pickups and drop-offs. In terms of area, the department serves one of the largest districts in the state, covering 1,175 square miles. It

travels between Blewett and Stevens Passes, Lake Wenatchee, Chiwawa Loop, and Plain, in addition to the towns of Dryden, Peshastin, and Leavenworth.

Stopfinder can be downloaded for free from the App Store or Google Play. However, bus schedules and information may only be accessed by invitation and registration through Cascade School District.

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#### Proposed Osborn Playground redesign prioritizes inclusivity and accessibility

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - The Osborn Playground Replacement project is inching closer to ordering equipment for possible construction in early fall,

City Council Study Session on Feb. 27. Parks Supervisor John Schons presented a design proposal that Neighborhood Playground Committee has been working on since July 2023.

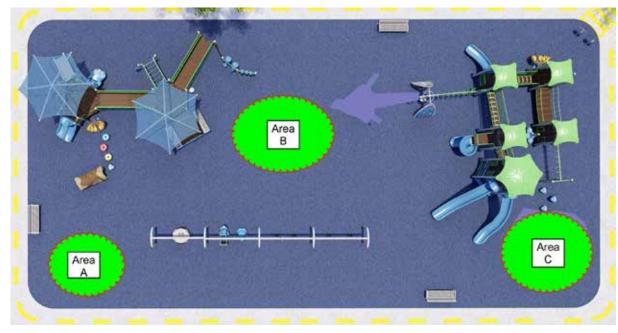
according to an update given at the

"Our goal was to redesign a new playground for the Osborn property, and our goal was also to have it fully accessible and inclusive for all levels," said Shons.

In order to make the park more conducive to mobility devices, the committee made an intentional choice to use poured-in-place rubber surfacing over wood chips, and include inclusive play equipment.

In addition to the inclusive play

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The final playground design will include three additional pieces of equipment in areas A, B and C, based on the results of a survey sent out to school-aged children.

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#### Downtown Steering Committee deliberates member representation amid business complaints

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - The Downtown Steering Committee considered expanding its members to allow more community representation during its meeting on Feb. 27.

At prior meetings, City Administrator Matthew "Selby" proposed the idea of adding two new community members to the committee, due to complaints of oversight from businesses on 8th, 9th, and Commercial Streets. While the complaints were directed to the City and Chamber, Selby said, representation on the steering committee could give them more agency.

"I've been hearing from business owners on Commercial who feel like they're not being listened to, so I would like to honor that by adding two additional numbers. I'm not specifying here that they would come from those locations geographically downtown, but we would recruit to try to get representation from those side streets and commercial businesses," said Selby.

Currently, the steering committee is made up of three City Council members, two members from Chamber of Commerce, a Mayor's designee appointed staff member, and two atlarge community members with a skillset of benefit, such as experience in urban design, event planning, tourism promotion. The two additions would be defined as "members atlarge owning property or operating a business in downtown Leavenworth."

With the committee's composition, as well as the current focus on Front Street as the last leg of the master plan, some members pushed back on the idea, including Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and committee member Troy Campbell.

"These two new people are just there to advocate for their street or their block and so they've been selected for a very specific advocacy purpose, where everyone else is sort of bringing something to the table with their skill set or providing representation for a larger group," said Campbell. "Complaints I've heard coming out of Commercial Street and those other streets are not something that this committee would solve."

Campbell listed some of the complaints were things like wanting more lights or events, which was out of the steering committee's control. Others pointed out that the committee meetings were public, and the businesses in question hadn't attempted to make their voices heard as guests. However, many committee members agreed on the importance of representation.

I see value in that. I don't think this committee has failed these guys, but it would just be allowing a voice if they so choose to. You know, if they wanted to be here, then they could,' said City Council and committee member Zeke Reister.

The committee also brought up concerns of committee members doing double duty with both chamber and community representation, without clear designation of which role they were occupying, such as Kevin Reike, who owns the Wood Shop / Hat Shop, and is the current Chamber of Commerce President.

"Since I am one of any one of those, I've been appointed as each, so it does make sense to kind of start a better record keeping system so we know who's up for appointment and under what designation moving forward," said Reike.

Unable to come to a consensus, the group tabled the matter and agreed to revisit it in a couple of months. The next Downtown Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Apr. 23.

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#### Live music with Well Strung

The Château Faire Le Pont Winery for live music with Well Strung on Saturday, March 9 from 6-9 p.m. at their Wenatchee location.

"This incredible duo performs Jazz music that will make you wanna get up and dance," the event page states. "Reservations are strongly encouraged."

For more information visit fairelepont.com.

#### The Met Opera livestream

Icicle Creek Center for the Arts will livestream La Forza del Destino – The Met Opera at the Snowy Owl Theater on Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"Director Mariusz Treliński delivers the company's first new Forza in nearly 30 years, setting the scene in a contemporary world and making extensive use of the

Met's turntable to represent the unstoppable advance of destiny that drives the opera's chain of calamitous events," the event page states. "The distinguished cast also features tenor Brian Jagde as Leonora's forbidden beloved, Don Alvaro; baritone Igor Golovatenko as her vengeful brother, Don Carlo; bassbaritone Patrick Carfizzi as Fra Melitone; and bass Soloman Howard as both Leonora's father and Padre Guardiano."

Run time is four hours and 20 minutes with two intermissions.

For more information visit icicle.org.

#### Benevolent night

München Haus will host Benevolent Night to benefit Upper Valley Connection on Tuesday, March 12 from 4-8 p.m.

"The München Haus will donate 25% of all sales 4-8 p.m.

to our fundraising partner," the event page states. "Come help us support Upper Connection."

"Upper Valley Connection is a non-profit organization that envisions communities that
embrace and provide life-long
support for specially-abled
individuals and their families
by providing an environment
that cultivates compassion,
in which all people are seen,
heard, and loved for their
unique gifts," the event page
states.

For more information visit munchenhaus.com.

#### All-levels yoga flow

LOGE will host an all-levels yoga flow on Wednesday, March 13 from 5-6 p.m. in the Wenatchee Room.

The event is free for LOGE hotel guests or a \$10 drop-in fee.

"Please arrive 15 minutes early to pay the fee in the cafe before heading downstairs," the event page states.

#### **Birding by the River**

THINGS TO DO

THIS WEEK

The Wenatchee River Institute will host birding by the river on Wednesday, March 13 from 8-9:30 a.m.

"Go birding with knowledgeable WRI staff around the WRI campus," the event page states. "All birding skill levels are welcome. Need binoculars? We have loaner binoculars that you can borrow."

"This is a great opportunity to learn about eBird, the largest biodiversity-related community science project in the world, and utilize it to record our observations of local wild birds," the event page states.

Meet outside the River Haus at 8 a.m. The event is free. No registration is needed.

# Strengthen brand recognition and loyalty with consistent brand building

In the world of marketing, where trends come and go, one principle remains constant: the importance of consistency. This is true whether you're a multinational corporation or a family-owned business in our NCW community; consistency across your marketing channels is key to building a strong brand presence with continued customer loyalty. In this article, we'll look at the concept of Top of Mind Awareness (TOMA) and explore how consistency can place your brand at the forefront of customers' minds.

#### Understanding Top of Mind Awareness (TOMA)

TOMA isn't a new concept for this column; we discussed it in January, and at its core, it means consistently occupying a prominent space in the minds of your audience. It's not just about having a presence; it's about being the go-to option when a need arises. Regularly engaging with your audience through a variety of tactics, be it billboards, radio, social media, email campaigns, or digital or print advertising, reinforces your brand presence. The more frequently your audience sees your brand, the more likely they will remember and choose you when making purchasing decisions.

## The Role of Consistency in Brand Building

Consistency is key when we talk about TOMA. It's about presenting a unified brand image and message across all touchpoints, from your website and social media profiles to your advertising campaigns and customer interactions. Consistency breeds familiarity, and familiarity breeds trust. Customers who encounter a consistent brand experience at every interaction develop a sense of confidence and reliability in your brand, making them more likely to choose you over competitors.

#### Strategies for Maintaining Consistency

Achieving consistency requires careful planning and execution. Consider these key strategies to help you maintain consistency across your marketing channels:

Create Brand Guidelines: This isn't as scary as it seems; you've probably already done it; just get it down on paper. Outline your brand's personality, voice, tone, and visual identity. These guidelines serve as a roadmap for all marketing efforts, ensuring a consistent brand experience across all channels whether it's radio, print, digital or social media.

Implement a Centralized System of Organization: Again, not scary. Keep track in a spreadsheet or in a planner of all tactics you're using, how long they are running and your investment spend. This will streamline the creation, approval, and distribution of marketing materials and keep you moving forward. It also

ensures all content aligns with your brand guidelines, maintains consistency across channels, and that you are reaching all segments of your audience.

Regularly Audit and

Regularly Audit and Optimize: Conduct regular checks of your marketing materials to identify any inconsistencies or deviations from your brand guidelines. Take proactive steps to address these issues and optimize your marketing efforts for maximum consistency and performance.

Train Staff: Train your staff to uphold your brand standards in all customer interactions, whether in-person, over the phone, or online. Consistency in customer service is just as important as consistency in marketing materials.

#### Leveraging Multichannel Engagement

Consistency is not limited to a single marketing channel; it must be maintained across all channels to create a cohesive brand experience. Whether it's your social media profiles, email marketing campaigns, website, or traditional print and digital advertising channels, consistency is key to reinforcing your brand message and identity.

#### Case Study and Example

During the 2008 recession, McDonald's made a bold decision to stick with its advertising strategy and budget, maintaining consistency in its messaging and brand image despite

uncertainty. Meanwhile. competitors like Burger King and Taco Bell did the opposite. The results were telling: in just 13 months, McDonald's not only weathered the recession but also grew its market share by 5%, demonstrating the power of consistency in branding and customer assurance. Remarkably, McDonald's stock only experienced a minor 3% drop during this period. In contrast, Burger King's stock plummeted by 25%, while Taco Bell's dropped by 29%. These differences underscore the importance of creating certainty for customers in uncertain times. By maintaining consistency in branding and messaging, businesses can instill confidence and trust in their customers, ultimately leading to long-term loyalty and

## Measuring the Impact of Consistency

Measuring the impact of consistency on brand recognition and loyalty is key for evaluating the effectiveness of your marketing efforts. Metrics such as brand awareness surveys, customer retention rates, and social media engagement metrics can provide valuable insights into the success of your consistency initiatives.

Consistency is not just a buzzword in marketing; it's a fundamental principle that can make or break your brand. By maintaining consistency across your



marketing channels, you can strengthen brand recognition, foster customer loyalty, and ultimately achieve Top of Mind Awareness. In today's competitive landscape, where consumers are inundated with choices, consistency is the key to standing out and winning the hearts and minds of your target audience whether they are here in the heart of Washington or across the globe.

#### Your Homework

Assess your current branding strategies and consistency can be improved. Whether it's updating your brand guidelines, optimizing your content management systems, or training your staff, take proactive steps to ensure consistency across all marketing channels. Your brand's success depends on it.

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#### **Community Calendar**

#### Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.

Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.

Senior Center, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal. RSVP 509-548-6666. Ukulele Circle, 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet

Cascade Medical Board, 4th Wednesday of every month (with a couple exceptions), September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 20, 5:30 p.m.

#### Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, For more info. President Steve Alford, 509-548-4505, or email leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com Peshastin Community Council meeting, Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

#### **Friday**

Veteran Service Office, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.Sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us

Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.

Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

#### Monday

Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.

Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at https:// leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/

Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)

Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

#### Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)

Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st. Tues.)

Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leaveworthmasons.

Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.).

The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com Music, call Steve, 509-548-7048. (1st and 3rd Tues.)

Greater Leavenworth Museum board 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@ leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

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Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-7, Thurs., 10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat..10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Peshastin Public Library, Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin, Call: 509-548-7821 or peshastin@ncwlibraries.org Open Tues.,10-1:30; and 2:30-7, Wed.,10-2, and 2:30-7, Thurs., and Fri.,1-5:30 and Sat., 10 a.m- 2 p..m. Closed Sun. and Mon.

#### Other events

The Greater Leavenworth Museum, is open daily from 11-4, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Check their Facebook page or website at leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and

Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.

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#### Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

#### AA Meetings:

Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379 Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave. **Alanon Meetings**, Call 509-548-7939

Renewed Celebrate Recovery, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@ gmail.com or 509- 596-1510.

## Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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#### February 23

0:12:18 Dui, S Hwy 2 & E Leavenworth R 8:13:36 Harass/Threat, 200

Ward Strasse; Willkomm 8:43:53 Disturbance, 8734 School St, Dryden

8:52:03 Accident No Inj, Us Hwy 2 & River Bend Dr 10:22:00 Parking/Abandon,

9290 Us Hwy 2; Tumwater Dr 10:30:24 Suspicious, Oblk Merry Canyon Rd

10:46:29 Assist Public, 11411 Shugart Flats Rd, Plain 12:46:48 Assist Public, 700 Us Hwy 2; City Of Leavenworth 14:41:12 Accident No Inj, 932

Front St; Starbucks

16:36:57 Traffic Offense, North Rd Mp 2, Leavenworth 18:46:29 Assist Public, 9255 Foster Rd; Bjs Food A 21:02:38 Alarm, 920 Front St; B3; Goose River

#### February 24

0:32:05 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & Saunders Rd, Peshastin 13:43:11 Welfare Check, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway 21:31:02 Alarm, 920 Front St;

Goose Ridge

Leavenworth

#### February 25

13:06:38 Littering, Fitz Strasse & Ward Strass 15:10:08 Assist Agency, 116 River Bend Dr# B; Safeway 15:41:32 Suicide Threat,

18:58:02 Juvenile Problem, Fs 8021; Echo Ridge Nordic 20:19:40 Accident Injury, 15600blk Chumstick Hwy 21:05:00 Trespass, 230 W Commercial St# B

22:54:37 Suspicious, 922 Commercial St; Obertal 23:33:52 Alarm, 9342 Icicle Rd

#### February 26

0:21:02 Assist Public, 301 Ward Strasse: Hampton 0:44:45 Suicide Threat, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee 6:42:28 Accident Unk.

Chumstick Hwy Mp 11; Area 7:57:21 Accident Unk, 8903 Deadman Hill Rd, Dryden 9:21:51 Accident Unk, Chumstick Hwy Mp 5

9:36:21 Assist Public, 70 Snow Creek Ln # A

12:27:07 Assist Agency,

Chumstick Hwy Mp 5 13:10:08 911, 309 8th St; Posthotel

14:30:41 Drugs, 8912 Motel Rd; Valley Cott 16:16:27 Property, 721 Commercial St; Blackbird

19:20:30 Trespass, 18840 Beaver Valley Rd, Plain 20:22:55 911, 1547 Alpensee Strasse

21:02:43 911, 309 8th St; Posthotel

#### February 27

0:21:02 Assist Public, 301 Ward Strasse; Hampton 0:44:45 Suicide Threat, Coles Corner, Lake Wenatchee 3:05:54 Domestic Distur, 10851 Chumstick Hwy

7:17:55 Vehicle Prowl, 325 Division St# 207 7:51:11 Animal Problem, 714 Rirch St

9:10:36 Harass/Threat, 11687 Sunitsch Canyon Rd 10:22:50 Assist Agency, 8830 School St, Dryden 10:58:28 Robbery, 15361 Us Hwy 2: 59er Diner

11:13:24 Runaway, 24602 Spur

St, Plain

16:58:07 Assault, 18840 Beaver Valley Rd, Plain 19:39:56 Diversion, 3192 Allen Ln, Peshastin

21:44:43 Juvenile Problem. 17810 Nason Ridge Rd, LakeWenatchee

#### February 28

3:54:47 Assist Agency, 134 Mill St 8:51:23 Civil, 76 Wild Rose Ln 10:51:32 Theft, 100 Ward Strasse # A109

11:56:42 Assist Agency, 8348 Main St# 3, Peshastin 14:22:12 Assist Agency, 111

Whitman St# Lc 16:30:07 Civil, 10425 Titus Rd# J

#### February 29

9:02:58 Vehicle Prowl, 101 Enchantment Park Way 10:47:56 Civil, 11890 Spromberg Canyon Rd

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# Leavenworth City Council advances infrastructure projects, approves Osborn Study, and finalizes downtown agreement

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH Public Works projects, an

Osborn feasibility study, and a downtown right-ofway agreement were key takeaways of the City Council meeting on Feb. 27. City Council unanimously

accepted the Pine Street Titus to Fir Water Main Replacement Small Works Project, authorizing the Mayor to execute the associated Final Contract Voucher Certificate. The project was completed at the end of Nov. 2023 in response to a September water main leak on an older 700-foot section of steel pipe, which required replacement. The project was originally estimated to cost just under \$340,000 but grew by nearly \$19,000 due to a unit bid overrun of crushed surfacing, rock excavation, and asphalt.

"We knew that there was going to be some rock excavated, some large rock, but there ended up being more than we even anticipated," said Deputy Public Works Director Andi Zontek-Backstrum.

The City Council awarded a 2024 on-call utility bid, which would make a contractor available to repair utility leaks that exceed the capacity of the City's workforce within 24 hours. The bid was awarded to the lowest bidder, KRCI, LLC, for just over \$35,700. Public Works is concurrently obtaining upgraded trench safety equipment in order to ease the need for contracting services in the future.

"Throughout our water, and stormwater sewer, system, we have utilities that are deeper than our city staff can safely excavate with the trench safety equipment we

have at this time, and so the purpose of this on-call utility repair contract is just to have another tool in our toolbelt," said Zontek-Backstrum.

Additionally, Public Works requested authorization to contract Ardurra Group Inc. for the design, bidding, and construction services on its 2024 Street Maintenance Project. The project was one of three projects awarded nearly \$1.95 million by the Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) in Dec. 2023. TIB allocated \$90,000 of that sum to street maintenance, which the city must expend in 2024. The department recommended outsourcing the work in order to expedite the process and utilize the grant funds in time. City Council approved professional services agreement with Ardurra Group Inc. for \$32,469.

Council approved an additional professional services agreement, this time for ARC Architects to conduct an evaluation for partial demolition and adaptive reuse of the Osborn Elementary School building into a library and community space. An agreement approved at the Jan. 23 meeting, of which the city estimated the consulting services to cost \$50,000. However, the Feb. 27 agreement was updated to reflect ARC Architect's actual cost estimation of \$82,000. This amount will pay for ARC Architect to conduct a fatal flaws analysis of the existing structure and provide a cost estimate for the project in time to apply for a \$2 million library capital improvement grant with an April application deadline.

Lastly, the City Council approved a Right of Way Use Permit to extend a new heat pump and balcony structure at 833 Front Street over the City's alley right of way. It was confirmed that the overhang similar to nearby structures, complied with the Bavarian theme, and would not interfere with garbage

The next City Council meeting will be held on Mar. 12. Public Hearings for Alley Vacation and Park Avenue Vacation requests were changed from Mar. 12 to Apr. 23, at 7 p.m..

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**Cameron West** 

(right) stands

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father and

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## Cameron West receives Realtor of the Year award



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LEAVENWORTH - Cameron West has been awarded the Realtor of the Year award from the North Central Washington Association of Realtors, recognizing their commitment to professionalism, dedication. and client satisfaction in the real estate industry. This award marks a significant achievement in West's career, reflecting their consistent performance and service quality.

Working with West Leavenworth Realty, Cameron West has proven their expertise and integrity, gaining clients' and peers' trust and respect. Their knowledge

of the real estate market and personalized service approach have been instrumental in their success.

On receiving the award, Cameron West shared, "I am deeply honored to receive the Realtor of the Year award. It is truly humbling to be recognized by my colleagues and industry professionals. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my clients and help them achieve their real estate goals.'

The award highlights Cameron West's dedication to the real estate profession and efforts to exceed client expectations. It celebrates their role in the community and their impact on the industry.

#### Leavenworth Library showcases Tanya Hough's artistic talents in Fireside Room exhibit

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Leavenworth Library is currently hosting an art exhibit featuring the works of Tanya Hough in the Fireside Room, which began on March

5 and will run through April 12. Hough, who pursued art after retiring from teaching, works with a range of mediums including acrylics, colored pencil, watercolor, multimedia, and collage. The exhibit is open to the public.

# Chelan County property tax bills delayed; expected mid-March

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Chelan County officials have announced a delay in mailing 2024 property tax statements. According to the Chelan County Treasurer's Office, residents can anticipate receiving their

tax bills by mid-March. The Treasurer's

assures that the county's parcel search website will be updated with the new 2024 tax amounts as soon as they become payable.

As per state law, specifically RCW 84.56.020, the deadlines for property tax payments remain unchanged. Property owners are required to pay the first half of their taxes by April 30 and the second half by Oct. 31.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has selected Bill Gale as Complex Manager at the Leavenworth Fisheries Complex in Leavenworth, Wash. Gale has worked in the Fish and Aquatic Conservation Pacific Region program since

The Leavenworth Fisheries Complex includes the Mid-Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office, Conservation Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, Entiat National Fish Hatchery and Winthrop National Fish Hatchery.

"Bill is a long-term fixture in the Pacific Region's Fish and Aquatic Conservation program, having worked throughout the Region since 2001," says Kyle Hanson, Deputy Assistant Regional Director of the Region's Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program. "We are excited that he has taken on this new role and look forward to his continued leadership in the program and the region."

Originally from the Midwest, Gale earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Illinois State University. He moved to the Pacific Northwest to attend Oregon State University where he earned his master's

degree in fisheries science (physiology). His federal career began with U.S. Geological Survey at the Columbia River Research lab in Cook, Wash., where he worked on a variety of research projects focused on environmental physiology. In 2001, he moved to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, working first as a fish biologist at Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery and then at Abernathy Fish Technology Center, where he worked as a research physiologist. In 2008, Gale accepted a position as the deputy project leader at the Mid-Columbia Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office in Leavenworth, Wash. He has remained at the Mid-Columbia office, working his way up to project leader in 2021.

Gale says his journey as a biologist sprang from an innate curiosity about the natural world. As a child, he spent countless hours exploring nearby woods, streams and farm ponds where he turned over rocks and caught frogs and crayfish. "I was lucky to have parents who were patient and tolerant of a child who was curious and independent, who would generally show up home late and was almost always some degree of wet and muddy," he says.

In his free time, Gale and his wife, Jen, enjoy a busy family life that includes their three children, ages 9 to 28, and an exuberant 3-year-old chocolate lab, Rory. In those rare moments to himself, Gale enjoys heading outdoors to ski, backpack and canoe, or heading to the shop for some woodworking time.

Gale says he looks forward to working with a tremendously talented team in his new role.

"Having worked in the complex for the past 15 years, I know it's a workplace with a strong and supportive culture. Without exception, the staff are dedicated and work with a clear set of values. Everyone at the complex works hard to address difficult environmental problems while supporting Tribal goals, meeting mitigation obligations and advancing the conservation of aquatic species and their habitats in eastern Washington. I quite honestly can't think of a better team to work with on these difficult challenges, and I am excited to step into this new role," Gale

For more information on the Leavenworth Fisheries Complex, go to https://www. fws.gov/fish-hatchery/ leavenworth



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Blessing is a fouryear-old Sierra Leonean from the country's largest city and capital, Freetown. With a cherub-shaped and sweet disposition, she laughs unabashedly playing hand-clapping games and yet can also sit quietly for an hour enjoying the affection associated with having her hair braided. After losing her mother and then her father to disease, she and her brother were left without family to care for them. When Freetown native Pastor Joshua Sandy made a routine visit to the ministry in Sierra Leone,

Blessing joined thirty-one other Sierra Leonean children at the Dream Again Home, an orphanage in Freetown. Her brother has not been

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A generous donation from the Leavenworth Soccer Club

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## Write on the River and NCW Libraries announce High School Writer's Competition

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WENATCHEE — Write on the River, in collaboration with NCW Libraries, has announced the 13th annual High School Writers Competition. The competition is open to students in grades 9-12 who are within the service area of NCW Libraries, encompassing Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, Grant, and Ferry counties.

"It's been really heartening to see submissions grow every year. In conversations with the winning writers, I sense a lot of confidence and pride, and for some of these high school

students, the competition is an affirming boost toward their future writing careers," said Susan Lagsdin, Emeritus Board Member, Write on the River.

The competition offers \$200 in cash prizes across three categories for original fiction. Entries can be either a complete short story or the first chapter of a novel, with a length requirement of 500-2,000 words. There is no fee to enter.

Eligibility extends to public, private, and home-schooled students, as well as those in the Running Start program. The submission period is from March 1, 2024, to April 15, 2024. Details and submission www.writeontheriver.org.

Initiated by New York Times bestselling author Chelsea Cain in 2011, the competition is part of Write on the River's efforts to support and nurture the regional writing community by providing learning opportunities in fiction, nonfiction, and publishing.

NCW Libraries serves the region with 30 locations, an online catalog, a Mail Order Library, and a Community Bookmobile, aiming to connect residents to resources that support personal growth and community strength.



Bill Gale in the field.

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## Chelan PUD billing statements delayed due to cybersecurity event

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WENATCHEE -Chelan District Utility that billing statements might arrive late this month following a cybersecurity event affecting its billing statement vendor.

The utility typically sends about 2,000 billing statements daily through a national service provider. Due to the incident, the vendor could not issue statements for the last week electronically or via mail. Chelan PUD shares customer

names, mailing addresses, services, amounts owed, due dates, and account numbers with the vendor to facilitate billing. The utility is assessing if this data was compromised during the cybersecurity event. It confirmed that the vendor does not hold payment method details or other sensitive, personally identifiable information.

"We apologize for the inconvenience," said Customer Utilities Manager Lindsey Mohns. "Once this is resolved and billing resumes, we will adjust any due dates

to correspond with the new billing date. Our priority is to support customers and avoid any unintentional impacts."

Customers can still view their current balance and pay bills through the usual channels, including online, mail, and payment kiosks and drop boxes in Leavenworth, Chelan, and Wenatchee. However, access to previous billing statements is currently unavailable.

Chelan PUD has directed customers to contact Customer Relations at (509) 661-8002 for account-related inquiries.



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## Link Transit charts future with electric buses and innovative services

By Mike Maltais

 $Ward\ Media\ Staff\ Reporter$ 

CHELAN - Nick Covey, CEO of Link Transit, addressed the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Chelan city council on Feb. 27 with a presentation that included everything short of driving an electric bus through the council chamber doors.

Covey began with some background details.

- First day of service was Dec 16, 1991.
- 13-member Board Directors and 188 employees, give or take. Councilmember and former mayor Bob Goedde served on the Link board for 19 years, a position now filled by Mayor Erin McCardle.
- Service Area of 3,660 square miles covering all of Chelan County and one-third of Douglas.
- public transit Largest service area in the state.
- Serves a population 128,000, seven days a week and travels 2.4 million miles annually.
- More than one million boardings for the first time since 2015.
- Link has service options to cover every commuter
- Fixed route involves the big busses seen driving through town daily.
- DART is same-day Dial-A-Ride service in Chelan and Wenatchee. Riders can use a phone app or call in for same-day service. Additional DART is planned for Chelan Falls and Apple Acres/Airport (2025).
- LinkPlusisacomplementary paratransit service for the fixed route that provides door-to-door service for ADA-qualified users.
- TripLink is a new service for those out-of-servicearea users without personal vehicles. They can have friend or neighbor transport them and Link will reimburse mileage costs for a limited number of monthly trips.
- Rideshare is a monthly fee service for three or more

riders via a provided Link van. For example, workers from Wenatchee going to Grand Coulee or Wells dams find Rideshare a good

The Link fleet provides a variety of vehicles, and all are ADA-compliant.

23 battery-electric BYDmanufactured buses with nine more arriving spring Link contracted BYD largely for with beneficial battery arrangement.

"Batteries usually last about half the life of the vehicle," said Covey. "The big busses are 12vear, 500,000-mile vehicles, BYD warranties their batteries for 12 vears. If something goes wrong, they replace them for us,"

Covey explained the benefit of not having to replace batteries that can cost half the price of a bus. BYD also buys the used batteries back from Link, eliminating the need for battery disposal.

- Twelve 40-foot Gilligmanufactured (diesel) busses that travel about 600 miles daily, a distance not yet capable for electric
- 22 Cutaway mini busses.
- 24 Paratransit vans
- · 18 staff vehicles.

To help keep some of its vehicles charging while in service Link employs a series of wireless inductive charging locations.

"This is in-ground charging the bus drives over," said Covey, "It's 300 kilowatts. One minute of charging gives us about two additional miles.'

For some downtown and urban Wenatchee routes of 200-250 miles with bus ranges of 130 miles, the wireless chargers provides busses with enough extended range to operate 15 hours a day. Link has four of the grant-funded \$500,000 chargers, three at Columbia Station and one in Leavenworth. One will be installed in the East Wenatchee Park and Ride and another in Manson.

Link capital projects for 22024 include:

A 41,000 sq. ft enclosed and heated electric bus parking



Link Transit staff members pose in front of two of their clean quiet electric busses.

garage at the Olds Station operations base.

- A park and ride in Entiat and another at Rock Island.
- Bus stop improvements for destinations including Mill Bay Casino.
- purpose-built Four new buses for Mission Ridge and Waterville.

Other projects include the Apple Blossom Center for a possible park and ride as that area population grows. Another park and ride at Leffler Field in Manson will include a wireless charger.

Link is working with TREAD, that Covey describes as "a local area nonprofit that has been very instrumental in bike pathways," on Chelanto-Manson, Wenatchee-to-Leavenworth, Wenatchee-to-Rock Island, and Wenatcheeto-Malaga pathway designs.

"Part of those pathways will hook up to bus stops and pullouts so you can put your bike on the bus, or we can drop you off so you can ride on the pathway safely," Covey

#### Vision 2020 recap

Based on a successful 2019 campaign that raised additional revenue. Link embarked on a six-year Vision 2020 plan including 30-plus projects in Chelan and Douglas counties. As of Covey's report the plan is ahead of projections with about 74 percent completed ahead of the 63 percent estimated at this stage. Just one of those is a new Sunday service implemented for the first time in agency history.

A word about free fares

Link weathered the 1999 I-695 excise tax measure approved by voters that rolled back vehicle excise taxes to \$30.

"Half the funding for transit was in that motor vehicle excise tax, so we lost that," Covey said.

In 2020 Link moved into its new building at Olds Station and laid off half its staff.

"It was a tough time," said Covey, "so we implemented fares to try and regain some

of that revenue. At best we got about five percent of our revenue from fares.

"When Covid hit everybody in the state went fare free," said Covey. "Once Covid got over we decided to keep it that way.'

"Fares displace the folks who really need it most," said Covey who explained that the two-way fare costs for a lowincome family with children was unaffordable for many.

Link's free fares also meet

nearly half a dozen Federal criteria that qualify the transit service to receive more than a half-million dollars per incentive.

"Right now, we are receiving five of those," said Covey. "That's a substantial chunk of money that fares would never come close to replacing. It's better for us to keep it fare-free and to keep those incentives."

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## Stevens Pass announces new parking plan for 2024/25 winter season

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

STEVENS PASS - Stevens Pass announced plans to address parking challenges for the 2024/25 winter season with a strategy that includes both free and paid parking options during weekends and holidays. The initiative, aimed at improving the guest experience, will allocate 67 percent of parking spaces to be available for free on a firstcome, first-served basis during peak times, while maintaining free parking across all lots on non-peak weekdays.

To manage the demand on weekends and during peak periods, 33 percent of the parking spaces in Lots G, A, B, and E will require reservations.

This reserved parking aims to guarantee access to the mountain on its busiest days. The reservation fee will be \$20 for vehicles with three or fewer occupants, with an incentive for carpooling: vehicles with four or more occupants, or a single adult and two children aged 12 and under, can reserve parking for free.

"We are committed to addressing challenges with parking and we're making additional improvements to provide a better arrival experience for our guests," said Ellen Galbraith, GM & VP of Stevens Pass. "We have the opportunity to eliminate the uncertainty of securing a parking space on our busiest days. Our goal is to improve the guest experience, and we're taking action to offer several choices, with a combination of both free and paid, reserved parking options. This plan allows our guests to choose their own arrival experience, whether it's guaranteeing a spot in advance with reservationsbased parking or utilizing one of our free first-come, first-served lots. After the improvement we saw this season with carpoolonly lots, we anticipate an even greater efficiency with this new program."

Further details on how to make parking reservations will be available closer to the winter season. For more information, visitors are encouraged to check the Stevens Pass website's Getting Here & Parking page.

#### **Orphanage**

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located: Sandy is currently scouring the bustling streets of Freetown, hoping to bring him to the temporary housing and resources the Dream Again Home offers the children it

Inspired to help children like Blessing, six staff and students from Cascade High School (CHS) joined local Pastor Darryl Wall and dedicated their week-long midwinter break to supporting the mission of the Dream Again Home. Each traveler brought with them a suitcase filled with donations: soccer balls from the Leavenworth Soccer Club, arts and crafts supplies from New Life Foursquare Church (NLFC), and personal donations. Their time in Sierra Leone has inspired them to broaden the support being offered by and spread awareness to the Leavenworth community for this special place in Western Africa.

With an estimated population of over a million people, Freetown is a place of perpetual movement and with a crime rate that often prompts the U.S. Department of State to issue travel advisories for the area and would deem the streets unsafe for any unaccompanied child.

This is where Dream Again Home comes in. Founded in 2015 by Sandy, with an initial focus on serving children who lost parents to the national Ebola crisis of 2014-2016, Dream Again Home serves an average of twenty children aged between two and sixteen.

During the Sierra Leonean Ebola crisis and Civil War (1991-2002), Sandy witnessed local children being left without family to care for them or a home. He jumped at the opportunity to rent the small facility that currently houses thirty-two children – the most the orphanage has ever served

– and two on-site caretakers. Referred to as "aunties," the on-site caretakers are a strong foundation for the orphanage. They work tirelessly to cook, clean, clothe, and nurture every child. Often, when NLFC, which funds the Dream Again Home, has been unable to provide an income for them, they have continued to provide services.

The mission of the Dream Again Home is to provide a "temporary placement center [and] a way to attend to the needs of kids, tak[ing] care of their welfare, education and health" while searching for adoptive parents to "provide every child with a proper explained Pastor Sandy.

Leavenworth residents initially became connected with this orphanage in 2016 when NLFC Pastor Darryl Wall and his wife Mindy visited the site and became the first adoptees of two teenage children from the orphanage. Today, NLFC is the sole financial backer of the Dream Combined Again Home. with guardianship fees from adoptive parents, the church funds the food, education, staff, and lease necessary to run the facility. The NLFC hopes to "make sure the orphanage has what they need to stay solvent, become self-sufficient, and find adoptive parents for the children," said Mindy Wall.

The recent CHS staff and students trip integrated a third benefactor: the Leavenworth Soccer Club (LSC), which donated over twenty soccer balls to the Dream Again Home. "A big part of LSC's mission is to help develop the life skills and fitness habits - through soccer - to help children prepare for a successful, happy and healthy life. Our main focus is local children, but when this opportunity came up to help, we really wanted to," said Jessica Evans Fark, LSC Publicity Coordinator.

The number of children at the Dream Again Home has far outgrown the capacity of their current housing: two rooms, each the size of an average American bedroom, currently house all 32 orphans. However, plans to develop a new location are already underway to provide a "secure location where protection is more guaranteed," said Sandy, who conveyed his vision. Sandy has purchased and cleared seven acres of land on the outskirts of town. The next steps are to dig a well and build adequate facilities to house and educate the children.

The staff and students from CHS are committed to joining NLFC in raising awareness and funds to help make these dreams a reality. Their goal?

To raise the money necessary for constructing the well and move progress on the new orphanage site forward.

As a first step, the authors of this article, who participated and who are both members of the CHS Interact Club, attended and described their trip and its mission at the Rotary Club of Leavenworth meeting on Friday, March The CHS Interact Club, Rotary subsidiary, is dedicated to "bring[ing] together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self," is planning to host a benefit dinner to raise funds for this international charity.

If you are inspired to help, there are many ways to get involved. One way is through adoption. Darryl and Mindy Wall are happy to speak with anyone interested in being involved in this way. They can be contacted at dmwall@ nwi.net.

"Not everyone should adopt. but everyone can be part of helping orphan children," said Mindy Wall. Other ways to help include donating to the Dream Again Home GoFundMe account specifically dedicated to providing funding for the well at the new orphanage site. This account can be accessed at https://gofund.me/636a65cd.

Attending the CHS Interact benefit dinner on Wednesday, March 27 at 6p in the CHS Commons is another way to show support. To purchase tickets, please make a donation (\$20 is suggested) to https:// gofund.me/636a65cd and indicate that your donation is for the benefit dinner.

Yodelin Broth Company, a popular local restaurant, is also planning to show its support: it is dedicating its monthly Benevolent Night in October of 2024 to collaboration with CHS Interact Club and support of this cause.

Finally, donors can give a one-time donation, a monthly donation, or a donation to missions and ministries through the New Life Foursquare Church website: www.newlifeleavenworth.com.

\*U.S. Department of State regulations prevent the naming of individual children in orphanages. Names have been changed or omitted in





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Maintenance/Grounds person needed! Darnell's Lake Resort \$20 - \$23 per hour DOE. Maintain pool, hot tub, courts, and general yard/room maintenance. Two positions available mid March through November. Contact 509-682-2015, visit www.darnellsresort.com to complete an application.

#### **Help Wanted**

#### PUD No. 1 of Okanogan County is seeking to fill a public information officer position.

Please see www.okanoganpud.org for job description and equirements; and submit application with resume. Okanogan PUD is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

#### **Utility Maintenance** Worker (Full-Time, Weekends Required)

The City of Leavenworth, an equal opportunity employer, is now accepting applications for the position of **Utility Maintenance** Worker. This position is full-time/permanent,

union covered, and requires weekends. Salary range is \$5,073 -\$5,713 per month. Requirements: Minimum 18 years of age and Washington State

driver's license with record acceptable to the City. Position will require a pre employment drug/alcohol screening and physical evaluation. This position requires a CDL which means individuals will be

federal regulations, including random drug testing. Individuals must be able to work weekends, holidays, and required overtime. Duties involve assistance in basic

subject to applicable

maintenance and repair of, which includes but is not limited to, garbage and cardboard collection, streets and roadways, sidewalks, ROW

maintenance, buildings and structures. municipal water distribution system,

sewer and stormwater collection system, cemetery grounds, headstones, restrooms, and which includes but is

not limited to the scope of functions and duties listed. The typical schedule is five days per

week; although, schedules may vary to support

requested needs of the City. Weekend work will be required to accommodate the work demands

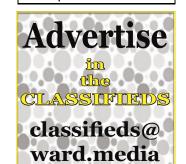
and service requirements of the City in order to ensure safety,

cleanliness, and aesthetic appeal, as

well as to meet public needs and standards. The full job description, job application, and instructions on how to apply are available at City Hall,

700 US Hwy. 2, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, online at

www.cityofleavenworth.com, or by contacting us at (509) 548-5275. First review date for submitted application(s) is Friday, March 22, 2024. Position will remain open until filled.



509-548-5286

#### Help Wanted



#### We Are Hiring!

The new and trending Crêpe Café located in the Obertal Mall is seeking teammates to join us in offering an authentic crêpe experience. Develop within the café while learning kitchen, customer service, cashier, and barista responsibilities with the goal of becoming a crêpe specialist, leader, and lifelong learner.

Entry-level and management positions are available. Visit us in person or at CrepeCafeSisters.com/Le avenworth and complete an application by clicking on "Apply Now".



Douglas PUD has an opening for:

Student Trainee -**Natural Resources** 

Details at www.douglaspud.org<htt p://www.douglaspud.org



Douglas PUD has an opening for:

Seasonal Fish Counter

Details at www.douglaspud.org<htt p://www.douglaspud.org

#### **HELP WANTED**

Responsible **Animal Lover** to occasionally feed 2 mini donkeys and 1 outside cat. Lower Brender Canyon area Cashmere. For more information please text or call 509-860-4665.

#### **Real Estate**

#### **Rentals**

In Chelan: Remodeled 1 bedroom apartment, townhouse style privacy. New appliances. 1 block to city park. No pets. \$1,050/ month, plus deposits. 509-682-5108.

Leavenworth Cute studio in town. Furnished. All utilities included. No pets. No smoking. \$1,125. per month. 1 year lease and references required. \$1,000. Security Deposit 509-860-4564

#### Bridgeport, WA. Joseph Cove **Apartments**

accepting applications for a two-bedroom apartment with central air, wash/dry hook ups, must be income eligible. For more information call Shannon at 509-686-4731

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#### **Boat Slip For Sale**

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#### Legals

#### **Public Notices**

#### SUMMARY OF CITY OF **CASHMERE RESOLUTION 04-2024**

On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Resolution 04-2024. A summary of the content consisting of the title provides as follows

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF** CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING AND REPLACING **RESOLUTION** 09-2020, WASTEWATER AMENDING

RATES OF THE **EFFECTIVE MARCH 1,** 2024.

A copy of the full text of this resolution detailing the rates is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to City Clerk, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815.

Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on March 6,

#### **Public Notices**

#### The Leavenworth Mosquito **Control District** board will hold their first public

meeting of the 2024 season on

Monday March 18th at 7 p.m via ZOOM. Meetings are scheduled at 7 pm

on the first or third Mondays of each month (generally March-Oct). For meeting date confirmations, additional details Zoom links, see: https://leavenworthmosquitoco ntrol.org/notices-updates/

For up-to-date information call Jenny Mullins at 509-548-5904 or email info@LeavenworthMosquitoContr ol.org

pesticides Details concerning used (mostly Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis), treatment site locations, and other important information are posted at our website

www.LeavenworthMosquitoCon trol.org Published in the leavenworth

Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on March 6, 2024. #7388

www.leavenworthecho.com www.cashmerevalleyrecord.com

#### **Public Notices**

**Superior Court of Washington** for Chelan County In the matter of the estate of Diann Arlene Loya, Deceased.

No. 24-4-00058-04 **Notice To Creditors** (RCW 11.40.030) The person named below has

been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the administrator or her attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c);

or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. **Date of First Publication:** 

February 28, 2024 Deborah A. Jorgensen, Administrator Attorney for the Administrator:

Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991 Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384

Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111 Court of probate proceeding and cause number:

Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 24-4-00058-04 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record and Leavenworth Echo on February 28, March 6, and March 13,

#### **Public Notices**

#### **SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE** NO.1325

On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1325. A summary of the content provides as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, **VACATING CERTAIN** 

UNIMPROVED PORTIONS OF SPRING STREET; CONTAINING SEVERABILITY PROVISION, AND SETTING AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Effective date of this ordinance is five days after publication. A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones. City Clerk-Treasurer,

City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on March 6, 2024. #7379

#### **Public Notices**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF **CHELAN** 

JAMES C. GRAY AND DEBORAH L. GRAY, husband and wife, Plaintiff,

**DUANE P. STEWART AND** DEBORAH A. STEWART, husband and wife; and **ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY** RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL **ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,** 

Defendants. NO. 24-2-00037-04 **SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** 

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON All persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 31st day of January, 2024, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, and serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned attorneys of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, at their office below stated; and, in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk

of said court. The object of this action is to quiet title in Plaintiff to real estate in Chelan County, Washington, described as:

The East half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, Section 31, Township 23 North, Willamette 19 East, Range Meridian, Chelan County, Washington, lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of Mission Creek Road, except Parcel E depicted Boundary on Line

Adjustment No. 2587, recorded July 7, 1992, under Chelan County Auditor's File No. 920707006.

against the claim of the Defendants and any one of them. DATED this 25th day of January,

DAVIS, ARNEIL LAW FIRM, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff

Βv STEVE D. SMITH WSBA #16613 Office and Post Office Address: 617 Washington Street Wenatchee, WA 98801

Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 2024. #7204



# Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Connecticut on March 8, 1977. I was in an all-male a cappella group in high school, but wanted to try professional acting. I am best known for a breakout role on a popular television show about four teens in a coastal town in which I was the titular character.

Answer: James Van Der Beek

#### **Public Notices**

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate **EDWARD PREMRO,** 

Deceased. 24-4-00051-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030

personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must. before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: February 21, 2024 Personal Representative: Richard Premro the Personal Attorney for Representative: David J. Bentsen Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 24-4-00051-04 RICHARD PREMRO Personal Representative Attorneys Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: DAVID J. BENTSEN WSBA No. 42107 7 North Wenatchee Avenue,

#### **Public Notices**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter** 

of the Estate of CARMEN A. JENSEN, Deceased. No. 24-4-00049-04 PROBATE **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

(RCW 11.40.030) The Administrator named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under **RCW** 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as claims against both the decedent's probate nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 21, 2024 PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE: Maggie D. Norris ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Thomas D. Overcast ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices

Attn: Thomas D. Overcast 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT PROBATE OF PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan Superior Court, Cause No. 24-4-00049-04

Overcast Law Offices By: /s/ Thomas D. Overcast, WSBA No. 14486 Attorney for Personal Representative

Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 21, 28, March 6, 2024. #7302

#### **Public Notices**

**CITY OF CASHMERE** SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.1326

On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1326. A summary of the content provides as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON. SECTIONS AMENDING CHAPTER 17.54 OF THE CASHMERE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND AND UPDATE **OFF-STREET PARKING** STANDARDS

AND **REGULATIONS; INCLUDING A** SEVERABILITY PROVISION, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE

Effective date of this ordinance is five days after publication. A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones,

City Clerk-Treasurer. City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street,

Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on March 6, 2024. #7381

#### **Public Notices**

CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.1324

On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1324. A summary of the content provides as follows: OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, limited VACATING CERTAIN

SPRING STREET; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION, AND SETTING AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones,

City Clerk-Treasurer, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/

#### **Public Notices**

Invitation to Bid

Notice is hereby given that the City of Leavenworth will receive sealed bids either in-person at the City of Leavenworth City Hall Reception Desk (700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826) or by US Mail (PO Box 287,

Leavenworth, WA 98826) at 11:00:00am, local time Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 for the project hereinafter referred to

Leavenworth Front St Park Restrooms & Stairway Expansion Proiect 2022-020 At said time all bids will be

opened and publicly read aloud. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in the form of a cashier's check or a bond issued on a form acceptable to your surety made payable to the City of Leavenworth for a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. No bid shall considered unless accompanied by such bid

proposal deposit. Incomplete proposals and proposals received after the time stated above will not be considered. Faxed or emailed responses are not acceptable.

The work to be performed under these specifications consists of furnishing all labor, tools, materials, and equipment necessary for construction of the Leavenworth Front St Park Restrooms & Stairway

Expansion Project and all related work, all in accordance with the Drawings, Specifications, Project Manual, and Addenda (if anv). AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY Specific work includes, but is not 1,200 to, addition/renovation to an existing UNIMPROVED PORTIONS OF public park restroom & amp; The estimated stairwav. construction cost for this project is in the range of \$1,150,000 to \$1,250,000 excluding sales tax.

Effective date of this ordinance is City of Leavenworth will not sell five days after publication. A copy bid packages. Complete digital of the full text of this ordinance is project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Bidders may download the digital plan set for \$22.00 by entering Quest project #8913375 on the

website's Project Search page.

#### **Public Notices**

Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com

assistance with free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital information. A review set will be at the Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826.

of Leavenworth Citv accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Department of Regulations. Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21 Nondiscrimination

Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to

such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this disadvantaged invitation. business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in

consideration for an award. Questions regarding this project shall be submitted in writing to the Architect, Jeff Wandasiewicz, via email

wandasiewicz@arcarchitects.com Bidders shall submit questions no later than 5pm local time

on Friday, March 15th, 2024. Answers to questions received by this deadline shall be posted in an addendum no later than Monday March 18th, 2024.

City of Leavenworth reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in the bidding, and to make the award to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder as best serves their interests. No bids may be withdrawn within sixty (60) calendar days after the actual date of the bid opening. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 28, March 6, 2024. #7329

#### **Public Notices**

SUMMARY OF CITY OF **CASHMERE RESOLUTION 03-2024** 

On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Resolution 03-2024. A summary of the content consisting of the title provides as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF** CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING AND REPLACING **RESOLUTION** AMENDING WATER RATES OF THE CITY **EFFECTIVE** MARCH 1, 2024.

A copy of the full text of this resolution detailing the rates is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to City Clerk, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815.

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Wenatchee, WA 98807

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Cashmere Valley Record on February 21, 28, March 6, 2024. #7290

equipment, the proposed redesign includes what the committee considers musthaves. It has one structure specifically designed children ages two to five years old, and a secondary structure for children between the ages of five and twelve years old.

Adjacent to the structures is a swing set, which includes a large, "satellite dish" swing that can support multiple kids, a toddler bucket seat, and a "mommy-and-me" swing that allows a dults to swing with their small children. The committee will add three more pieces of equipment to the playground, based on the feedback received from a community survey

completed on Feb. 29. The playground will be surrounded by a track for kids to bike around on striderbikes, or for adults to take laps around while their children play. For adults looking for more exercise, there will be an area with equipment next to the playground.

"If you've got grandkids, or great grandkids you may be taking down, or your own kids, just to be out with fresh air, it gives you something to do, and it's something that is healthy and will help you," said Council Member Sharon Waters, who serves on the committee.

The committee sent out about 15 emails to physical therapists, occupational therapists, and personal trainers regarding the equipment choices.

"We asked them to prioritize the equipment in order of most useful, the least useful, and then any other things that we may not be thinking about, and they gave us some great feedback," said Shons.

With its current design, the park will receive accreditation

from PlayCore, a playground equipment company, as a National Demonstration Site (NDS). Accreditation is allotted when playgrounds meet best practice standards, such as inclusive play, youth physical activity, and adult outdoor

"The playground that we're proposing is the gold standard. It's a really huge community asset, and it gives space and resources for healthy lifestyles for all ages and abilities," said Deputy Public Works Director Andi Zonteck-Backstrum.

these playgrounds across the United States, allowing parents to seek out accessible play areas for children with disabilities. This map could help potential visitors make the decision to come to Leavenworth, or at least utilize it during their visit. In having this, the playground is able to access funding from the lodging tax, instead of

It was unclear how this may affect parking in the area, which was a concern for some council members. However, the lodging tax funding may be a key factor in funding the \$1.1 million dollar project. Currently, \$566,000 in federal funding has been allocated to the project, covering half of the costs. The committee is under timeline pressure, as the funding must be used this year, or the city risks losing it.

After finalizing the design with the community's feedback, the committee will return to the City Council sometime in March for funding. The committee is hopeful it will receive the funding and place an order prior to April, allowing enough time to complete the project before the end of the year.

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

#### **Linda Bradshaw**

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with the founding of the town's first and oldest festival, the Autumn Leaf Festival. The following year, the town took the leap to adopt the Bavarian theme, making the town what it is today.

"I don't think any of us would be here. It would just be another spot in the road if it wasn't a Bavarian village,"

said Bradshaw. Bradshaw has the Bavarian village home since 1990. She is originally from Vancouver, WA, but

The NDS Network maps out solely the general fund.

her husband grew up in Bradshaw Leavenworth. had always lived in cities, so when they moved back to his hometown over 30 years ago, she didn't know what to expect from a small town of 1,700 people.

"I thought, Oh, this is going to be interesting...I fell in love with it," said Bradshaw.

Bradshaw immediately immersed herself in the

Write on the River and NCW Libraries announce High School Writer's Competition

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stuff with an ad in the Echo/Record Classifieds.

WENATCHEE - Write on the River, in collaboration with NCW Libraries, has announced the 13th annual High School Writers Competition. The competition is open to students in grades 9-12 who are within the service area of NCW Libraries, encompassing Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan,

Grant, and Ferry counties. "It's been really heartening

to see submissions grow every year. In conversations with the winning writers, I sense a lot of confidence and pride, and for some of these high school students, the competition is an affirming boost toward their future writing careers," said Susan Lagsdin, Emeritus Board Member, Write on the River.

The competition offers \$200 in cash prizes across three categories for original fiction. Entries can be either a complete short story or the

flora. The sessions are designed

for all levels of gardening

enthusiasts, from beginners to

those looking to deepen their

existing landscaping practices.

· Mel Asher, kicking off the

series on March 6 with

"Native Plantings: Getting

Started!" This session will provide foundational

knowledge for newcomers

The expert speaker

lineup includes:

first chapter of a novel, with a length requirement of 500-2,000 words. There is no fee to enter.

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Eligibility extends to public, private, and home-schooled students, as well as those in the Running Start program. The submission period is from March 1, 2024, to April 15, 2024. Details and submission guidelines are available at www.writeontheriver.org.

Initiated by New York Times bestselling author Chelsea Cain in 2011, the competition

Native Annuals in Your

insights into how annuals

can enhance and diversify

Don Schaechtel shares

his extensive experience

on March 20 with "Lessons

Learned From 14 Years of

Native Plant Gardening,"

providing valuable tips

and personal anecdotes

from over a decade of

gardening with native

Al Murphy concludes

the series on March

garden ecosystems.

offering

Landscape,"

plants.

is part of Write on the River's efforts to support and nurture the regional writing community by providing learning opportunities in fiction, nonfiction, and publishing.

NCW Libraries serves the region with 30 locations, an online catalog, a Mail Order Library, and a Community Bookmobile, aiming to connect residents to resources that support personal growth and community strength.

# Learn to Landscape with Native Plants: free virtual workshops offered in March

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Registration is now open for a series of free virtual workshops aimed at helping individuals learn how to incorporate native plants into their landscapes, whether they have a compact city patio or a vast rural homestead. The "Native Planting 101" workshop will take place via Zoom every Wednesday evening in March at 7:00 pm.

Local experts will guide to native planting. Betsy Dudash, on March participants on starting or expanding their use of native 13 will delve into "Using

> town. She joined the board for Leavenworth Summer Theater, served as the president of the former Upper Valley Arts, sang in Village Voices, and led walking tours with her husband for the museum. Later, she managed

"There are so many opportunities. I like to tell people when they move to Leavenworth: you could be

the hospital's billing office.

busy every single day with different organizations," said Bradshaw.

Over the last thirty years, Bradshaw has watched the city grow and change, sharing the community's frustrations over parking and crowding. However, she's chosen to embrace the change, and appreciate the longstanding magic created by generations before her.

27 with "Using Plants Adapted to Our Changing Climate," focusing on selecting plants resilient to climatic shifts, ensuring sustainable gardening practices.

Interested participants can register at https://tinyurl. com/mu54uksy. Don't miss this opportunity to enrich your gardening skills and contribute to local biodiversity by thoughtfully integrating native plants into your landscape.

"My husband and I live just a few blocks from town, so we like to go downtown and just walk the streets and it feels, in that moment, like you're on vacation. You're in a special place...I personally think it's very exciting what we've done to Leavenworth," said Bradshaw.

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#### THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE Get puzzle answers, recipes and more at www.kidscoop.com

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NEWS FLASH We found a leprechaun to answer questions about these mysterious little people! He wouldn't really show himself to us. Mostly what we saw during the interview were his lips, oversized sunglasses and his hat.





A: Wee folk are we. Three feet tall at most.

Can you read inches of the newspaper columns that are equal to 3 feet?

**How many** shamrocks can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Measurement: Use standard measurement.

#### do you caich a leprechaun?

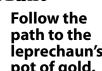
A: It isn't easy. If you should see a leprechaun, get as close as you can without him seeing you.



Quickly take him in your grasp and don't take your eyes off of him. Then ask where his pot of gold is hidden.

He will try to talk you into looking away. If you do look the other way, he will be gone when you look back.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade appropriate words correctly in context



leprechaun's pot of gold.

What's green?

Look through the

newspaper for words and pictures of things

that can be green.

List them here.

**Bonus Challenge:** Can you list them in

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Standards Link: Spelling: Put words in alphabetical order.



Standards Link: Research: Find similarities

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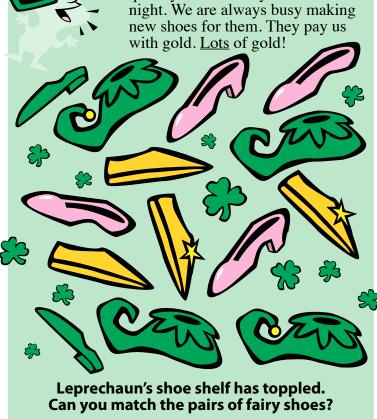
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This week's phrase: **GIFT OF GAB** 

If someone has the "gift of gab," it means the person is a good talker. The word *gab* comes from gob, the Irish word for mouth.

Katie had the **gift of gab**, which sometimes got her in trouble for talking too much during school.

Try to use the phrase **gift of** gab in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in

A: We play tricks on people who don't believe in us. We especially like to bother teachers who try to tell children that we don't exist.

## Leprediann Lips Tricky Story

Ask your teacher or a friend for verbs, nouns and adjectives. Use these words to fill in the blanks of this story.

One fine morning, I went for a walk in the woods. I tripped on a

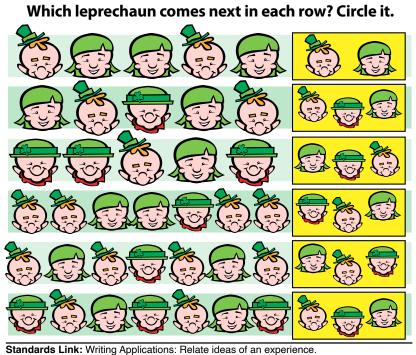
. When I looked down, I saw a \_\_\_ with a green \_ NOUN ", he said. "My name is GREETING

I'm a leprechaun. If you want my NOUN me first!" you'll have to \_\_\_

him, but he was too for me. I tried to \_ He just laughed and called out to me, "

St. Patrick's Day!"

## Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use nouns, verbs and adjectives in writing St. Paddy's Patterns



**LEPRECHAUN** LAUGHED **LOOKING** 

LIPS **GOLD** 

**PAY** SHOE **DANCE** 

**GREEN GRASP** WOODS

**EYES EASY GONE** 

ASK

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

LEPGREENSD OAORNRONHE KLTQPIOTOH D P S A R G K Z E G D N W E S D O O W U A O E J Y V X S O A NUAHCERPEL CHSMUKGIAB EIYYASKLSY

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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