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Facilities Advisory Committee adjusts Lake Chelan school projects estimates

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter



COURTESY OF LAKE CHELAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lake Chelan School Superintendent Brad Wilson

CHELAN – Adjustments and additions have been made in estimates provided by the Lake Chelan School District Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) since its report last March to Superintendent Brad Wilson.

In his presentation to the school board on July 8, Wilson revisited the earlier figures and highlighted new estimates and information from the previous disclosure at the April board meeting.

“One thing we are waiting for is a mass of quotes,” Wilson began.

Speaking of the Morgen Owings Elementary School remodel or replacement estimates, Wilson posed a question.

“What would it take if we had to house 475 elementary kids for a whole year if we went for the remodel option?”

He then referred to the arbitrary \$1 million allowance in the estimate to cover temporary housing costs.

“This could be anywhere from \$3-to-\$5 million,” noted Wilson. “That really changes the difference between remodeling and building new drastically.”

Water availability in the Apple Blossom area, where the district owns property, remains a key factor in selecting a new elementary site.

“That would be an option for a site to build a new elementary if we decided that was the direction we wanted to go,” said Wilson.

“Right now, you could not permit anything over in that area.”

The current MOE remodel estimate is \$37,835,000; building new is \$46,550,000. A \$3-to-\$5 million would significantly close the difference.

Remodel Morgen Owings Elementary and add a gymnasium

- 66,000 SF remodel x \$350/SF = \$23,100,000.
- 6,500 SF new gym x \$450/SF = \$2,925,000.
- Allowance temporary housing of students = \$1,000,000.
- Potential construction costs = \$27,025,000.
- Potential project costs \$27,025,000*1.4 = \$37,835,000.

(*project cost adds 40% for incidentals and other fees)

New elementary at the new site

- 70,000 SF x \$475/SF = \$23,100,000
- Potential construction costs = \$33,250,000
- Potential project costs \$33,250,000*1.4 = \$46,550,000

Board member Erik Nelson asked what would become of the MOE structure if a new building site was chosen.

Wilson said opinions range from selling to keeping/leasing and alternate uses.

“Some people think it would make a great senior or low-income housing complex,” said Wilson.

“There are old school buildings in Cheney and in Cle Elum that have been remodeled to fit that need.”

Nelson inquired about demolition costs.

“It’s about \$2 million to demo

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Chelan residents voice fire, parking, and safety concerns to city council

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – Public comment from half a dozen Chelan residents concerned over July 4 fireworks dangers, parking congestion, and safety issues opened the July 9 meeting of the city council.

Residents caught in the thick of the July 4 holiday crush raised issues ranging from illegal and double parking to emergency access, vehicle speed, fire danger, and more.

First on the list of speakers, Margie Lynch, a 44-year resident of Chelan Butte, summed up the frustrations of many when she described access difficulties caused by parking congestion.

“It’s become increasingly difficult, if not impossible, for emergency vehicles to go up or down the road in response to emergencies,” said Lynch.

Lynch said she went to both the police and fire departments for help but without success.

Another resident noted that fireworks continued going off even as emergency vehicles were responding to a fire incident in the same area.

Another said the absence of solutions to the hazardous conditions is causing some homeowners to lose their fire insurance coverage or suffer premium surcharges.

A local teacher noted that, particularly during the tourist holiday events, the city parks are becoming overcrowded.

Another said the law enforcement and fire departments do not have enough resources to respond to the volume of calls.

In other council business:
• Mayor Erin McCardle read a timely Parks and Recreation Professional Day Proclamation declaring July 19 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day.

“This proclamation couldn’t come on a better day,” said McCardle in the wake of the previous public comments.

• Council approved a crosswalk at the intersection of Bradley Street and Johnson Avenue. Public Works Director Jalke Youngren said the city received three proposals and selected the lowest, \$110,505, from Rudnick and Sons, LLC.

• Council approved a General Services Agreement with Erlandsen, Inc. for on-call survey services.

• Council approved a task order with Erlandsen, Inc. for right-of-way dedication and utility easements 1 and 2 for the Anderson Road project.

• Discussed hiring a Parks and Recreation Assistant Director. McCardle requested that the position be up for a vote at the next council meeting.

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Lake Chelan Pro Rodeo returns for fourth year, promises ‘Wildest Show on Dirt’

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CHELAN – The Lake Chelan Pro Rodeo is set to return for its fourth year on July 19 and 20, offering what organizers describe as “Chelan’s wildest show on dirt.”

The event promises a weekend of high-energy rodeo action, featuring over 100 contestants competing in various events such as steer wrestling, roping, saddle-bronc, and bull riding.

“We’re expecting over 100 contestants to compete in this year’s Chelan rodeo,” said Jodie Southwick, vice president of the Chelan Rustlers Saddle Club and co-chair of the Lake Chelan Pro Rodeo. “These PRCA champions come in from all around

the US and Canada and really know how to put on a show.”

Each evening will begin with a grand entry featuring the Wild Card Trick Riders performing acrobatic stunts. Rodeo royalty from various Washington cities and Lewiston, Idaho, will also participate in the events.

This year’s rodeo will welcome Brandon Dunn as the Barrelman and Entertainer. Cheyenne Stocker, chairwoman of the Lake Chelan Pro Rodeo and Rustlers Saddle Club board member, commented, “We’re thrilled to have Brandon as part of

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COURTESY OF MATTHEW OCKINGA

A cowboy competes in saddle-bronc riding at a previous Lake Chelan Pro Rodeo. This year’s event, scheduled for July 19 & 20, will feature similar high-energy rodeo action with over 100 contestants expected to participate.

Lake Chelan introduces fast-track boat inspection to combat invasive species

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CHELAN – Lake Chelan now offers local boaters a fast-track option through the inspection process that seeks to protect the freshwater ecosystem from aquatic invasive species.

The county-operated, voluntary boat inspection program at Lake Chelan aims to detect aquatic invasive species (AIS) such as the aquatic plant milfoil, and quagga and zebra mussels. These non-native species, which are transported on boats, can quickly destroy an ecosystem.

After completing an inspection, boat owners are offered one of three types of stickers:

- Chelan Resident: The light blue

sticker designates boats that only put in on Lake Chelan.

• Chelan/Douglas: This dark blue sticker is for boaters who frequent only bodies of water in Chelan and Douglas counties.

• Visitor: These aqua blue stickers are for out-of-the-area boaters visiting Lake Chelan.

The intent of the sticker program is two-fold, said Stephen Lesky, natural resource specialist with Chelan County Natural Resources.

“The stickers serve as a way to help local boats and residents have reduced inspection times and show they are participating and support the new

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COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY

Chelan County inspection team member Mike Eash inspects a boat at Lake Chelan.

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Local artist's emotional works grace Manson Library walls

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MANSON – The Manson Community Library is showcasing the work of local artist Lisa Raust on its Art Wall, offering residents a glimpse into two decades of emotionally driven artistry.

Raust, who began her artistic journey approximately 20 years ago, describes herself as an “emotional painter.” She emphasizes that her creative process is intrinsically linked to her feelings and is unable to paint subjects with which she does not have a strong emotional connection.

The exhibition features a collection of Raust’s paintings, accompanied by a biography detailing her artistic development and philosophy. Library patrons are encouraged to view the display during regular operating hours.

The Manson Community Library is open Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This showcase is part of the library’s ongoing effort to support and promote local artists, providing a platform for community engagement with the arts.



Lisa Raust, the featured artist, stands smiling in front of her artwork display at the Manson Community Library. Her presence adds a personal touch to the exhibit, allowing library patrons to connect with the creator behind the emotional paintings.



COURTESY OF MANSON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A selection of Lisa Raust's artwork displayed on the library wall, including a portrait and a landscape, illustrating the variety of subjects in her emotional painting style.



A striking watercolor painting of sunflowers by Lisa Raust, exemplifying her use of bold colors and expressive brushwork to convey emotion through her art.



A watercolor painting by Lisa Raust, featuring a vibrant red tractor in a pastoral landscape. This work demonstrates the artist's versatility in subject matter and her skill in rendering rural scenes.



A framed watercolor painting depicting baseball players on a field, showcasing Lisa Raust's talent for capturing sports scenes. This piece is part of the artist's exhibit at the Manson Community Library's Art Wall.

Manson American Legion sends four students to prestigious Civic Education Programs

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MANSON – The Manson American Legion Post 108 has reported a successful year for its Boys and Girls State program, sending four local high school juniors to participate in the prestigious civic education events in June 2024.

Commander Clyde McCullough announced that three students from Manson High School and one from Chelan High School attended the programs, which aim to teach young people about democracy and government operations in Washington state.

The Boys State program was held from June 16-22 at Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood, while Girls State took place from June 23-28 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. These programs, part of a nationwide initiative created by the American Legion, provide hands-on experience in local, county, and state government operations.

Post 108's Boys and Girls State Committee, consisting of Robin Bloch, George Rohrich, Marie Cannon, and John Swenson, coordinated with local school officials to select and prepare the delegates. The Legion post, along with donations from community members, covered the full tuition costs for the students, totaling \$2,440.

Participants reported positive experiences, with one del-



COURTESY OF MANSON AMERICAN LEGION POST 108
Members of Manson American Legion Post 108 stand with the 2024 Boys and Girls State delegates. From left: Marie Cannon, Addison Richmond (Manson High), William Hutchinson (Manson High), George Rohrich, Ian Calderon (Manson High), Robin Bloch, and Maria Garcia (Chelan High). The Post sponsored these students to attend the prestigious civic education programs, fostering leadership and understanding of government processes among local youth.

egate, Addison Richmond from Manson High School, expressing gratitude for the opportunity in a letter to the Legion. Richmond noted personal growth and valuable lessons learned about government and civic engagement.

The American Legion emphasized the program's non-partisan nature, focusing on teaching democratic principles rather than promoting specific political ideologies. The organization also highlighted the program's potential as a resume-building experience, citing numerous notable alumni from various fields.

Manson American Legion Post 108 meets monthly and continues to support youth civic education initiatives. The post encourages eligible veterans to join their efforts in community service and support for local youth programs. For more information contact Norm Manly at 509-293-0225 or normmanly@yahoo.com

To learn more about Boys state visit www.evergreen-boysstate.org and Girls State www.evergreengirlsstate.com

Norm Manly, Post Service Officer, contributed to this report.

Costco is raising membership fees. Don't worry, hot dogs cost the same

By Andrew Jeong
The Washington Post

Costco shoppers will see their membership fees go up for the first time since 2017, the company said Wednesday, betting the move will boost profits without turning off its loyal customer base.

Starting Sept. 1, Costco Gold Star, Business and Business add-on members in the United States and Canada must pay \$65 for annual memberships, up from \$60.

Executive members will have to pay \$130, a \$10-per-year increase. The move will affect 52 million members, “a little over half of which are Executive,” Costco said in a news release. Executive members are offered up to \$1,000 in rewards for their purchases. The maximum rewards will increase to \$1,250 with the fee hike, the company said.

The fee increase comes despite Costco defending its image as a place to find low-priced bulk goods in an economy struggling with inflation. On an earnings call in late May, Gary Millerchip, the company's chief financial officer, told investors that Costco's hotdog-soda combo would con-

tinued to be sold at \$1.50 - a price that hasn't changed since the 1980s - a move that won widespread acclaim.

Millerchip also said on the May call that he was not ruling out a membership fee increase, adding that Costco considers raising membership fees every five years or so.

“Despite inflation, Costco has kept prices low,” said Felipe Caro, a professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management. “But the membership fee eventually had to go up, and it makes sense to do it now when customers really notice its value. Costco's stock price went up after the announcement, so the market agrees that it was the right decision at the right time.”

Costco's shares rose more than 2.5 percent after the announcement.

The company posted net income of \$1.68 billion in the 12-week period ending May 12. That figure incorporates the \$1.12 billion in membership fees it took in during the quarter. Costco earned nearly \$4.6 billion in annual membership fees in the fiscal year that ended in early September, an 8 percent increase from the previous year.

However, the extra fees could hurt Costco's ability to attract new customers and retain relatively newer members who may not be as loyal as longtime customers, according to Dinesh Gauri, a professor of marketing at the University of Arkansas.

“I do not think they have provided any other offering or new services... to shoppers to justify the fees increase,” he said. Shoppers who are not loyal or who joined recently may consider buying at rivals such as Sam's Club, Gauri added.

Sam's Club, a wholesaler like Costco, raised membership fees in 2022. It now charges \$50 for a basic membership and \$110 for a Plus membership, up from \$45 and \$100, respectively.

Customers could also switch to rivals that do not require memberships, such as Target and Kroger, according to Gauri. These companies have “stepped up their game” in recent years, he added, while offering what he views as stronger pickup and delivery options than Costco.

“If anyone does not need membership, they may not miss much,” he said.

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Cliff House wins Chelan Men's Golf Club Memorial Cup in playoff



COURTESY OF CHELAN MEN'S GOLF CLUB

Memorial Cup finalists and semifinalists pose with fellow competitors at the Chelan Men's Golf Club. From left: Bob Carleton and Tom King (semifinalists), Cliff House (winner), and Gary Searle (runner-up). The tournament, which saw 29 members participate, concluded with House edging out Searle in a playoff.

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CHELAN – Cliff House emerged victorious in the 2024 Memorial Cup Match Play Tournament hosted by the Chelan Men's Golf Club, edging out Gary Searle in a closely contested championship round that extended to extra holes.

The single-elimination tournament, which took place throughout June and July, saw 29 club members compete for the prestigious title. House

and Searle were deadlocked after 18 holes, necessitating a playoff where House ultimately clinched the win.

Notable performances came from Bob Carleton and Tom King, both of whom advanced to the semi-final round after winning three consecutive matches.

The club's focus now shifts to the upcoming 2024 Apple Cup, scheduled for July 20-21. This event, the club's largest annual tournament, serves as its primary community fundraising initiative.

Following the Apple Cup, members will commence play in the 2024 President's Cup Match Play Tournament on July 31. This event features a double-elimination format, contrasting with the Memorial Cup's single-elimination structure.

For those interested in participating or seeking more information, registration forms are available at the Chelan Golf Course Pro Shop, and additional details can be found on the club's website at www.chelangolfclub.com.

Boat inspection

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inspection program," Lesky said. "With the Visitor stickers, these stickers also show tourist support for the program and help spread the word that Chelan is conducting inspections on arriving boats."

Natural Resources started the voluntary boat inspection program after concerns arose following an AIS assessment in 2020 that concluded Lake Chelan is at high risk for invasive mussels.

If invasive species like quagga and zebra mussels establish in the lake, it could cost millions to mitigate and cause irreversible damage to the local ecosystem.

"The first detection of quagga mussels in the Columbia River Basin occurred last fall in the

Snake River in Idaho," Lesky said. "The creation of our voluntary boat inspection program couldn't have come at a better time. We know early detection and monitoring efforts are key to keeping these mussels out of our water bodies."

Boat inspections are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, from mid-May through September.

The inspection team rotates weekends between five boat launches on Lake Chelan: Old Mill Bay, Lakeshore Marina, PUD River Walk, Lake Chelan State Park and 25 Mile State Park. The crew moves to higher trafficked launches during busy holiday weekends.

Last year, employees observed 3,753 watercraft putting into the lake from the five locations. The 2023 pilot season had a voluntary participation rate of 37.6 percent. This year, after



COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY

Curly-leaf pondweed is an aquatic invasive plant.

one season of promoting the program, inspection crews are reporting a 73 percent voluntary participation rate, Lesky reported.

"I would wager the bulk of those not inspected this season are boats launching or exiting while the crew is busy inspecting another boat," he said. "Support for the program has been overwhelmingly positive from both locals and out-of-town visitors."

The inspections use a mobile decontamination trailer or a waterless cleaning system at Lakeshore Marina and reinforce the "Clean, Drain, Dry" principles to prevent the spread of AIS.

- Clean: Clean the boat, trailer, and any personal gear before leaving the ramp or parking lot.
- Drain: Drain any standing water by emptying the bilge,

COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY

A bull rider demonstrates the thrilling action spectators can expect at the upcoming Lake Chelan Pro Rodeo. The event, described as "Chelan's wildest show on dirt," will feature professional riders competing in various events including bull riding.



Winemaker Garrett Grubbs propels Tsillan Cellars to unprecedented success

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CHELAN – Tsillan Cellars, a pioneering winery in the Lake Chelan region, continues to garner accolades in major wine competitions, solidifying its position as a leading producer in the state's wine industry.

Under the guidance of Head Winemaker Garrett Grubbs, who joined the winery in 2021, Tsillan Cellars has achieved unprecedented success.

The winery's recent performance at the 2024 Cascadia Wine Competition resulted in six gold medals, including Best-of-Class awards for its estate-grown Syrah and Viognier.

This success follows a string of impressive showings in other competitions. At the 2024

San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest in the United States, Tsillan Cellars emerged as the most awarded Washington winery, securing four Double Gold and five Gold medals.

The winery also dominated the Seattle Wine Competition, earning 18 Gold and Double Gold medals out of 20 entries.

Grubbs, a Wenatchee Valley native and Washington State University alumnus, has been instrumental in elevating the winery's profile since taking the helm.

In 2023, Tsillan Cellars received six Best of Class awards at the West Coast Wine Competition, including a rare 100-point score for its Bellissima Rossa Bordeaux Blend.

The winery's consistent per-

formance has placed it among the top ten all-time Platinum Winners in the Great Northwest Best of the Best Platinum Competition, which includes over 2,000 wineries from the Pacific Northwest.

Industry observers note that these achievements highlight the potential of the Lake Chelan American Viticultural Area (AVA) and its "Golden Mile" vineyards.

The winery's success is seen as a significant boost to the region's reputation in the broader Washington wine landscape.

Tsillan Cellars, founded by Dr. Bob Jankelson, continues to operate from its Italian-inspired facility, welcoming thousands of visitors annually to its Lake Chelan location.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TSILLAN CELLARS

Tsillan Cellars winery overlooks Lake Chelan, Wash. The Italian-inspired estate, surrounded by award-winning vineyards, has recently dominated major wine competitions across the United States.

live wells, ballast tanks, and engines.

- Dry: Completely air- and sun-dry the boat to eliminate unwanted guests such as AIS.

Stickers are handed out at boat launches after the completion of a full survey and inspection.

For boaters who only frequent Lake Chelan, a sticker will cut the survey questions down to "Have you been anywhere besides Lake Chelan this

season?" and "How long has the boat been out of the water?"

For the Chelan/Douglas sticker holders, the survey will be abbreviated to "What waters have you been on recently?" and "How long has the boat been out of the water?" A brief inspection will follow to ensure no aquatic vegetation is attached to the trailer or boat. Visitor-stickered boats will receive a full survey, but the inspection should be much

shorter, as inspectors know they are aware of AIS.

Lesky is hopeful that efforts to detect AIS on Lake Chelan will have far-reaching impacts across the state.

"As word spreads, we hope we see an even wider geographic area participating in 'Clean, Drain, Dry' practices before arriving at Lake Chelan, preventing aquatic invasive species from getting into the lake," he said.



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Officials plan to kill 450K invasive owls that are endangering native owls

By **KYLE MELNICK**
The Washington Post

To save one vulnerable owl species, the federal government has a contentious plan: killing hundreds of thousands of another owl species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said its proposal, released last week, might be the only way to save the spotted owl, whose population has rapidly decreased in recent decades due to competition over food and shelter from an invasive owl species. Shooting roughly 450,000 barred owls over three decades could help spotted owls rebound, the agency said.

The plan has divided wildlife advocates, with some accusing the agency of being reckless while others say the massive owl hunt is necessary to save a species that's being crowded out.

Robin Bown, a biologist for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said settling on the plan wasn't easy.

"We don't usually get into this job with this in mind," Bown told *The Washington Post* of killing animals. "But we also see the need to protect. And we have a legal responsibility to do what we can to keep our native and endangered species still existing on this Earth."

The Fish and Wildlife Service said in December 2020 that northern spotted owls should be reclassified to an endangered species after their population dropped by about 75 percent in two decades. Some areas where about 200 spotted owls lived in the early 2000s now contain two or three of the birds, Bown said.

Wildlife officials considered several options to preserve spotted owls, but said they wouldn't be effective. Sterilizing barred owls would take at least a decade before a significant population decline; caging them would be expensive and difficult; and relocation wasn't an option since wildlife officials on the East Coast said they don't have room for the birds.

Killing the barred owls will make the largest impact, the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

The agency has at least 30 days to decide if it will proceed with the plan to shoot the owls, which would only be the latest project to kill invasive species in hopes of protecting other animals. Federal and state agencies have also killed Burmese



PHOTOS BY CAROLYN VAN HOUTEN/THE WASHINGTON POST
The barred owl, left, is considered a threat to the northern spotted owl, right, by the federal government.

pythons, feral hogs, nutria rodents and barn owls.

Bown said people trained in firearms would walk through forests in the dead of night with shotguns, flashlights and megaphones to replicate a barred owl call in hopes of attracting them. Once an owl has settled on a nearby tree, the shooters must identify it through the bar-shaped spots on its brown-and-white feathers and its call, which is known to sound like: "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for y'all?"

If the shooter is within about 100 feet of the owl and has a clear shot, they can shoot. The carcasses could be buried on-site or used for research, Bown said. Officials said they'd aim to kill about 15,000 barred owls per year, starting as early as this fall.

The plan calls for recruiting environmental organizations, conservation groups, landowners, timber industry workers, tribes and state and local government agencies to help kill barred owls. The shooters must show documentation of training and experience in identifying owls and using firearms to participate, the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

sources - flying squirrels, salamanders, woodrats, voles and mice - and sometimes killed them, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

When the northern spotted owl was listed as threatened on the Endangered Species Act in 1990, wildlife officials listed the barred owl as a potential threat to their population, Bown said. The barred owl population continued to increase in the Pacific Northwest until the invasive species and habitat loss were identified as spotted owls' primary threats in 2008, Bown said.

However, some animal welfare advocates still consider the agency's plan to be misguided.

Animal Wellness Action, an animal welfare nonprofit, said 135 wildlife organizations have signed its letter to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, asking for the plan to be revoked. Wayne Pacelle, the group's founder, said he thinks barred owls will continue heading west after the project, allowing their populations there to rebound. He said the agency is "trying to play God."

Claire Catania, the executive director of Birds Connect Seattle, a bird conservation group, said she thinks the Fish and Wildlife Service's plan is necessary. While the spotted owl was once an iconic species in Washington, Catania said, most of the state's new residents have only seen barred owls.

"We are deeply saddened that it has come to this point," Catania told *The Post*.

Moran, the Fish and Wildlife Service field supervisor, said she wants Pacific Northwest residents to have the chance to appreciate both owl species.

"This isn't at all about one owl versus another," Moran said. "This is about having spotted owls. If we do nothing, we will have only barred owls. If we do something, we'll have both."

Bridget Moran, a field supervisor in the Fish and Wildlife Service's Bend, Ore., office, said she's confident in the operation after the agency experimented with a similar plan between 2013 and 2021 in California, Oregon and Washington. Spotted owl populations stabilized in areas where barred owls were killed, the agency said, but they continued to decline in regions where barred owls were left alone.

Barred owls began migrating from the eastern United States to west of the Mississippi River in the 1950s, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The agency said humans probably paved the way for barred owls to migrate as they learned to suppress forest fires and they planted trees in the Great Plains and Canada's boreal forest. The owls settled in British Columbia, Canada, before moving south to Washington and Oregon in the 1970s, when they interacted with native spotted owls, the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

The owls look similar: They're brown and have small beaks. Barred owls are a bit heavier and longer than spotted owls, but they quickly disrupted their counterpart's nests in old-growth forests, ate their food

School Projects

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MOE and haul it all off," said Wilson. "We got a detailed quote on that, but we are still talking about trying to build on the same site while school is in session there."

One substitution of grass for artificial turf lowered the estimate for a new stadium at Mountain Goat Field.

Stadium @ Mt. Goat Field

New stadium for track, soccer, and football

- New 8-lane track & field events = \$1,300,000
- Artificial turf field = \$1,800,000 (replaced by grass field = \$200,000)
- Locker rooms: 3,000 SF x \$475/SF = \$1,425,000
- 1,200 seat bleachers = \$600,000
- Concessions/toilet rooms: 3,000 SF x \$475/SF = \$1,425,000
- Lighting = \$325,000
- Parking lot 300 stalls @ \$2,500 each = \$750,000
- Press box = \$200,000

Potential construction costs = \$7,825,000 (now \$6,225,000)
Potential project costs \$7,825,000*1.4 = \$10,955,000 (now \$8,715,000)

"Athletics always come up, the soccer field keeps coming up, and the fact that we don't have a track," said Wilson.

An update to the school roof project favored repairs over replacement.

Chelan MS/HS repaired existing metal roof

• 78,500 SF x \$5/SF = \$392,500
Potential construction costs = \$392,500
Potential project costs \$392,500*1.2 = \$471,000

Chelan MS/HS replace existing metal roof

- 78,500 SF x \$30/SF = \$2,355,000
- Potential construction costs = \$2,355,000
- Potential project costs \$2,355,000*1.2 = \$2,826,000

"Good news on the roof," said Wilson. "We just had a more detailed inspection."

They think definitely the way to go with the middle school/high school would be repairs. There is a lot that needs to be repaired but still way better than a total replacement."

Inspectors give the roof another 15 years if all the seams are repaired correctly, the vulnerable spots addressed around vents, HVAC pieces, and related areas where leaks are likely to occur first.

A tenth project added to the previous nine since March is:

Chelan Middle-Senior High School add elevator

• 1,000 SF x \$500/SF = \$500,000
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Potential project costs = \$600,000*1.2 = \$840,000

"Ultimately as we continue to move forward in the next one-to-three years it has to be something we all feel we can support and it's good for our community," said Wilson. "Which is why we have a pretty good mix of community and district members on the Facility Advisory Team."

Wilson noted that the project estimates involve some huge numbers, and "they get more sizeable by about five to 10 percent per year."

That reality, combined with other variables, keeps the FAC on its toes, reevaluating developments that can affect project costs.

"Cost is our No.1 driving factor and it will be scrutinized massively by the community as it should be," said Wilson. "We want to make sure we do our homework and have some details to the costs."

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Date of First Publication: July 3, 2024
Administrator: ANTHONY SIROTAK
Attorney for the Administrator: Evelyn Emanuel, WSBA# 45755
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR KING COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. BISSONNETTE, Deceased.
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Date of first publication: July 17, 2024
Personal Representative: Pamela Ann Bissonnette
Attorney for Personal Representative: John S. McMasters, WSBA #17026, Mullavey, Prout, Grenley & Foe, LLP, 2401 NW 65th St., Seattle, WA 98117
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Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY
In re the Estate of: WILLIAM ROY SARGENT, Deceased.
NO. 24-4-04771-6 SEA PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
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Date: 6/28/2024
//s Breah Sargent
Breah Sargent, Administrator
Attorneys for Administrator and Address for Mailing or Service: Matthew S. Wiese, WSBA #47322 Andrew N. Stokes, WSBA #54401 Carney Badley Spellman, PS 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3600 Seattle, Washington 98104-7010 Telephone: (206) 622-8020 Facsimile: (206) 467-8215
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF IMOJEAN MARTENSEN, Deceased.
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Public Notices

ENTIAT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant, to RCW 28A.505.050 and RCW 28A.505.060, that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Entiat School District 127, Chelan County, Washington (the "District") will hold a regular meeting on July 24, 2024 commencing at 7:00 pm. The agenda will include the fixing and adopting of the budget of the District for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Prior to adoption of the 2024-25 budget, the Board will hold a hearing at 6:00 pm for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the budget. Any person may appear at the hearing and be heard for or against any part of the 2024-25 budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240 (aka Educational Programs and Operation Levy). Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall fix and determine the appropriation from each fund contained in the 2024-25 budget and shall, by resolution, adopt the budget, the four-year budget plan summary, and the four-year enrollment projection. A copy of the 2024-25 budget will be available on the **District website** or will be furnished to any persons who requests it on or after July 22, 2024. **Contact Brittney Quezada at 784-1800 or Robin Richter by e-mail at rrichter@entiatchools.org.**
The hearing and regular meeting will be held in the Entiat School Library at 2650 Entiat Way, Entiat, WA. Attendance at the hearing and meeting is also available through telephonic and/or internet access via Zoom. Access numbers/links will be available on July 24 and will be posted and provided to the public prior to the Meeting – please check the District website www.entiatchools.org or call 784-1800 for further information.
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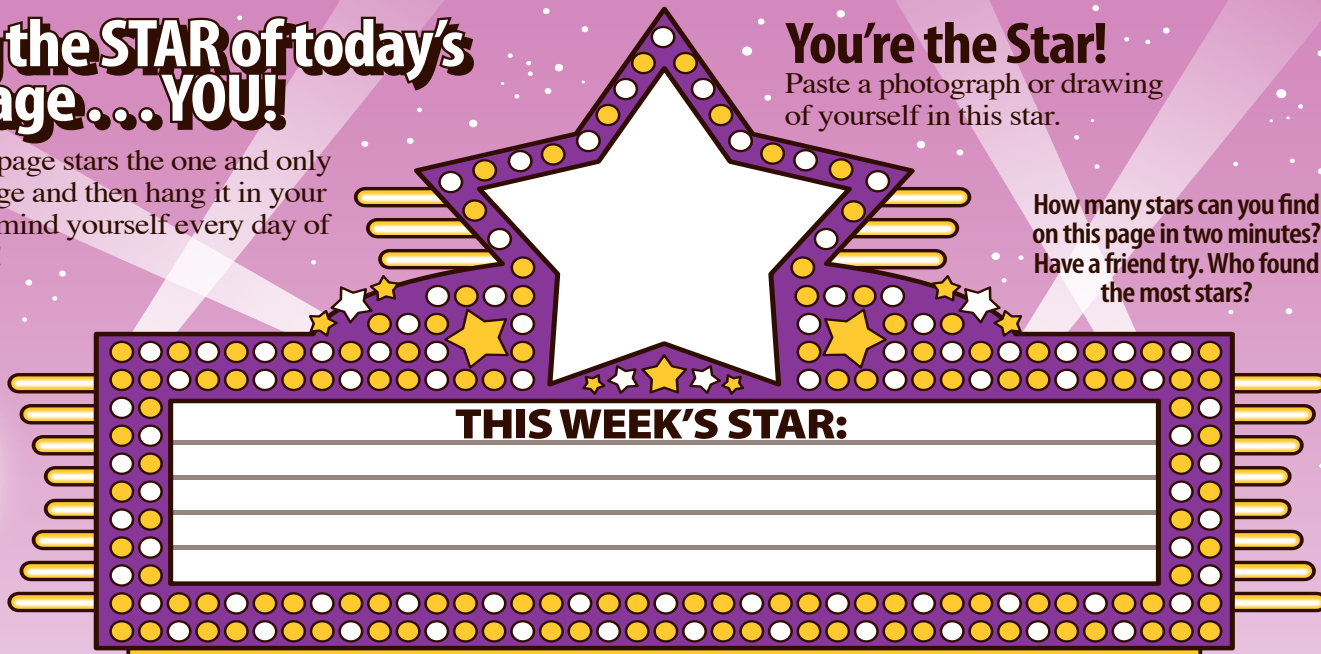
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Paste a photograph or drawing of yourself in this star.

How many stars can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most stars?

Step Into Stardom

For many decades, famous movie stars have put their handprints and footprints in wet cement in front of Hollywood's Chinese Theater in California. After the cement dries, the prints are left for visitors to see.

Wait! Who got in the wet cement? Match these prints to the silly star wannabes.

Standards Link: Students recognize similarities and differences.

The Amazing ME!

Look through the newspaper for adjectives that describe you. Paste them under your name on the sign.

Give Yourself a Hand!

Trace one of your hands on a piece of paper. Cut it out and ask friends and family to write something on the hand that says what's special about YOU! Paste it on this page.

Standards Link: Health: Recognize personal characteristics that contribute to self-esteem.

When You Depend Upon a Star

Wishes made on stars may not always come true. But when you look at what you do every day, you'll find that you are a star who can be depended upon.

Fill in this calendar to show your weekly responsibilities. The idea stars at right can help.



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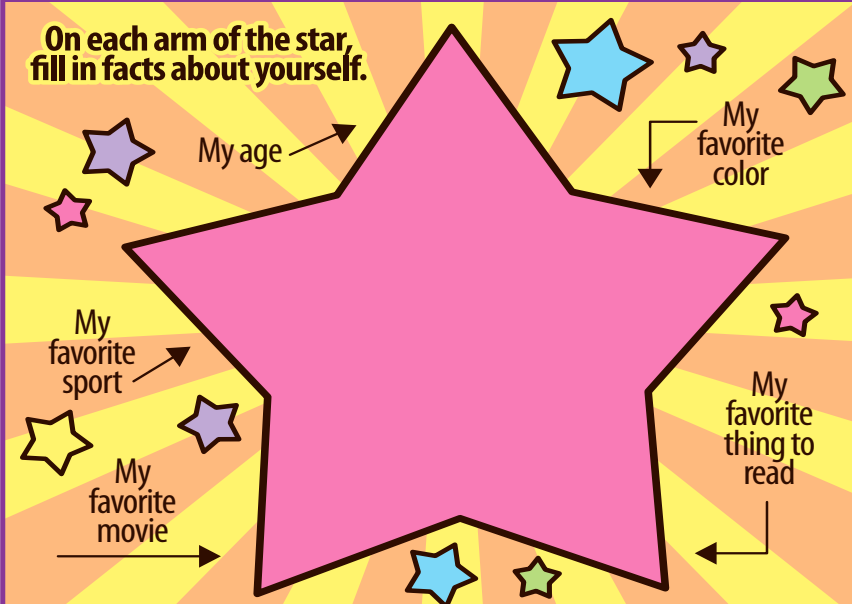
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The Star Facts

On each arm of the star, fill in facts about yourself.



Standards Link: Health: Recognize personal characteristics that contribute to self-esteem.

Double Double Word Search

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