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Reliability, rates at forefront as Chelan PUD eyes big power users

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WENATCHEE — Chelan County Public Utility District (PUD) customers have voiced concerns about reliability and rate affordability as the utility considers a framework for evaluating large power requests. The PUD received input from about a dozen customer owners through various channels after its

Board of Commissioners sought public comment on a proposed framework to guide responses to large-load requests. These requests come from industries such as data centers, manufacturing plants, and other power-intensive operations. Mike Bradshaw, the PUD's director of energy structuring and trading, said many of the issues raised were considered when developing the guiding principles for the framework. These principles

focus on maintaining reliability, stable rates, and local control while treating large-load customers consistently. The proposed framework offers three options for serving large-load customers:
 1. Short-term supply where Chelan PUD procures and resells wholesale energy.
 2. Customer choice allowing large-load customers to identify energy sources for PUD purchase and

resale.
 3. Negotiated contracts that may include Chelan PUD generation, subject to board approval. Each arrangement would require board approval and recover power and delivery costs. The utility continues to receive an increasing number of large load requests, mirroring a national trend in data center growth. In September, commissioners will review a proposed plan to serve

Microsoft and updates to the PUD's rate schedule for large loads. Chelan PUD also plans to host three community meetings in late August and early September regarding a proposed two-year extension of previously adopted 3-4% rate increases. The utility emphasizes that all decisions will prioritize the interests of existing Chelan County customers, focusing on maintaining reliable service and stable rates.

Unprecedented collaboration drives local stream restoration

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH—Along Chumstick Highway, 300 linear feet of Chumstick Creek, which was about an inch deep two weeks prior, is now about a foot deep in some sections after receiving low-tech process-based restoration. While seemingly insignificant, this small change is slowing the flow of the creek, which creates safe pools for juvenile fish during high water, increases leaf litter storage for macroinvertebrates to eat, and improves habitat for waterfowl and songbirds. Additionally, it rebuilds sediment on an eroded streambed and recharges groundwater, which enhances water quality and supply for both humans and wildlife. This stream segment is one of hundreds that have undergone this type of restoration through the collaborative effort of Trout Unlimited, Cascadia Conservation District, and Cascade Fisheries.

Like many other streams in the area, Chumstick Creek has been straightened and emptied of large wood over the last hundred years due to surrounding farming and development. Plus, many areas are unable to reintroduce beavers, whose dams pool water and naturally slow streams, because of concerns about beavers felling trees near homes and roads. "There's nothing that's stopping the water or slowing it," said Alex Harwell, Cascadia CD Resource Specialist II. Through low-tech process-based restoration, the work is manually done by humans, creating beaver dam analogs (BDAs), post-assisted log structures (PALS), and adding large wood to restore the creek to more historically natural flows. "It's all to mimic those natural processes that have been missed in the past century or two due to simplifications of streams and to



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Trout Unlimited, Cascade Fisheries and Cascadia Conservation District work together through Coordinated Resource Management, which allows them to maximize their resources, coordinate their efforts, and broaden their stream restoration efforts.

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Carolyn Carlberg (right) and librarian **Lisa Lawless** (left) discuss the written thoughts of locals, considering each note.



Cashmere Public Library asks the community, 'What makes Cashmere special?'

By **WILL NILLES**
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE—As the Cashmere Public Library (CPL) plans its upcoming move into the nearby Riverside Center, it hosted a town hall meeting, calling on locals to visit its future location and provide important feedback on its many upcoming changes. Architect/Designer, Carolyn Carlberg, and NCW Libraries Executive Assistant, Tim Dillman, joined the CPL team in presenting their ongoing plans for the local library's short yet substantial move down the street. This included a detailed timeline of upcoming construction and the CPL's grand reopening, set for around June 2025.



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Locals made their voices heard by voting for one of the library's proposed designs and program focuses.

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Cashmere's Van Lith brings home Olympic Bronze in 3x3 Basketball

By **WILL NILLES**
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE—Cashmere High School graduate and multi-time basketball World Cup champion, Hailey Van Lith, represented the USA at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, claiming the bronze medal in women's 3x3 basketball. Van Lith grew up in the Cashmere area. Inspired by her athletic family members at a young age, she picked up basketball in elementary school and carried it into college. Now, she is one of the top-ranked college basketball players in the nation after winning the 2018 Youth Olympic gold medal as well as the gold at the 2019 FIBA U18 and U19 World Cups. As such, Van Lith is no stranger to representing the USA internationally. She recently claimed her first adult gold medal for Team USA at the 2023 FIBA 3x3 World Cup. By 2024, Van Lith joined Team USA once again for her first senior Olympic competition, traveling to Paris with her teammates Cierra Burdick, Dearica Hamby, and Rhyne Howard. After suffering three back-to-back losses in their initial games, the chances for a USA medal in 3x3 women's basketball appeared slim. However, Van Lith and her team refused to give up as they fought the odds and carried a five-game winning streak from August 1 into the semifinals on August 5. Despite a hard-fought matchup against Spain, with Van Lith leading Team USA in points, the Spaniards narrowly clinched a free-throw

victory in overtime. This unfortunate loss meant that Van Lith and her team could no longer reclaim the gold medal won by their previous team at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Yet this didn't deter them from continuing to fight for a USA victory in the ensuing battle for bronze. After their semi-final defeat, Van Lith and her team brushed themselves off and came back swinging, defeating Canada 16 to 13 and claiming the Olympic bronze medal for Team USA. Although their time in Paris proved turbulent, starting off with a demoralizing losing streak, Cashmere local Van Lith and her dedicated team refused to give in to defeat as they fought their way back up to the podium. Though Van Lith has already accomplished so many international feats of athleticism, she continues to look forward to the future of her basketball career. After finishing her final year of college basketball in the 2024-25 season, she plans on playing in the WNBA, hoping that this last college season will help her place as one of the top rookie draft picks. She also looks forward to continuing her education in law school while taking on her professional basketball career, a massive undertaking by any means. Whether representing the USA on the global stage, competing professionally, or pursuing her education in law and finance, Hailey Van Lith embodies the Cashmere spirit of never stopping fighting as she continues the community's long-held traditions of academic and athletic excellence.

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Percy Jackson's Birthday Party

The Wenatchee Library will host Percy Jackson's Birthday Party on Sunday, August 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Robert W. Woods Reading Room.

"Are you a fan of Percy Jackson and the Olympians? If so, you may already know that August 18 is Percy's birthday," the event page states. "Drop in anytime between 1- 3 p.m. and help us celebrate with crafts, games, trivia, refreshments, and more."

For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

Family movie afternoon

The Wenatchee Library will host a Family Movie Afternoon on Wednesday, August 21, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Sagebrush Meeting Room.

For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

"Come join us for a fun, family-friendly movie at the Wenatchee Public Library," the event page states. "We'll bring the movie and snacks, you bring the family."

For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

NCW Writer's Group

The Wenatchee Library will host the NCW Writer's Group on Wednesday, August 21, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Balsamroot Meeting Room.

"Join NCW Libraries and Write on the River for an inclusive writers' club for writers of all ages, skill levels, genres, and interests," the event page states. "The NCW Writers' Group is a writing community created by local writers, for local writers. This club is designed to connect people and artists, discuss the craft, ask for advice, and share resources."

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Eastside Rebuild fundraiser

Eastside Rebuild will hold a Fundraising Campaign Launch Party on Sunday, August 18, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Sage Mountain Natural Foods in Leavenworth.

"Join us for a day of fun and support Eastside Rebuild," the event page states. "We need your help to raise the funds necessary to make a lasting impact. Bring your donations and enjoy a fun-filled day with lawn games, delicious food, and engaging activities."

For more information, visit wasteloop.org.

Music on the Lawn series

Icicle Ridge Winery in Leavenworth will host live music by Sergio And Andy

on Friday, August 16, from 6-9 p.m.

The event page states, "We have reserved the stage here on the lawn for your summer entertainment." There is no cover; just come and hang out.

For more information, visit icicleridgewinery.com.



Navigating the murky waters of media bias

In an era where trust in institutions wavers and polarization deepens, the specter of media bias looms large over our national discourse. From the halls of Congress to heated debates on social media, accusations of slanted coverage fly fast and furious. Yet as the publisher of local news in North Central Washington, I find myself pondering a more nuanced question: What truly constitutes bias in our modern media landscape?



From the Publisher

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producers and consumers of news, navigate these treacherous waters?

First, we must sharpen our critical thinking skills. Learn to distinguish between objective reporting and opinion pieces. Approach sweeping generalizations about "mainstream media bias" with healthy skepticism. Ask yourself: Compared to what? Can I point to concrete examples that support or refute claims of bias?

Second, we must turn the lens inward. Our own preconceptions can color our interpretation of even the most impartial reporting. By acknowledging our personal biases, we open ourselves to a more nuanced understanding of complex issues.

Third, we must recognize that bias manifests in myriad forms. It's not just about liberal versus conservative slants. Story selection, framing, sourcing decisions - all of these elements can subtly shape a narrative. A truly discerning reader looks beyond the surface, questioning not just what is being reported, but how and why.

At this publication, we remain committed to the highest standards of journalistic integrity. We welcome scrutiny

self: Compared to what? Can I point to concrete examples that support or refute claims of bias?

The notion that any news organization - ours included - can achieve perfect objectivity is, frankly, a comforting fiction. We are, after all, human beings, each shaped by our own experiences and perspectives. The real challenge, and indeed our solemn duty, lies in recognizing our inherent biases and striving tirelessly to present a fair and balanced view of the world.

This is no simple task. In an age of clickbait headlines and algorithm-driven echo chambers, the pressure to sensationalize or cater to preconceived notions is ever-present. Yet we must resist these siren calls, for they erode the very foundation of informed democracy.

So how do we, as both

clear eyes and open minds. dismissal. Instead, it requires a shared commitment to media literacy, critical thinking, and open dialogue. Only then can we hope to pierce the fog of bias and glimpse the complex realities that shape our world.

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Local optometrist shades up at Brewster Salmon Derby awards



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Dr. Karen Wasylyshyn, left, owner of Cashmere Vision Center, enjoys the Brewster King Salmon Derby awards ceremony from the shady vantage point of the Costa Sunglasses vendor display.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

Cashmere Rotary Club, meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb. 509-885-0676.
Mission Creek Community Club, meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).
Cashmere Food Bank, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464
Ukulele Circle, Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club), open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.
Cashmere American Legion Post #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway, Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).
Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).

Sunday

CHURCH: See the church page for local service times & events.

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)
Tillicum Riders, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)
Cashmere City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Planning Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Cashmere Fire Department, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere School Board Work Session, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu
Cashmere School Regular Board Meetings, are typically held towards the end of the month at 7 p.m. with action taken. The schedule for meetings is subject to change to accommodate conflicts in schedule or special circumstances. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu for the most up to date info.
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

Ice & Peshastin Irrigation Districts, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Cashmere Chamber of Commerce, Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, for meeting location. 509-782-7404. (3rd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

NCW Libraries

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 You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).
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Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village
 Call for more information 509-782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Chelan County Sheriff's Report



This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

August 3

6:17:59 Parking/Abandon, 201 Riverside Dr
 9:59:18 Court Order Vio, 127 Riverfront Dr
 10:14:35 Assist Public, 4620 Old Monitor Rd, Monitor
 11:20:34 911, River St & Sunset Hwy
 17:57:12 Assist Public, 5401 Hinman Dr
 19:28:29 Disturbance, 7757 Smith Rd; 1/2, Dryden
 21:44:43 Suspicious, 5925 Webster Way

August 4

0:45:15 Suspicious, 101 Woodring St# 200
 7:44:21 Domestic Distur, 91 S Douglas St
 18:39:03 911, 817 Pioneer Ave
 18:51:02 Trespass, 5301 Sunset Hwy
 22:31:27 Domestic Distur, 1905 Mission Creek Rd
 22:44:37 Assist Agency, 817 Pioneer Ave

August 6

7:29:35 Welfare Check, 115 E Pleasant Ave# 10
 11:24:15 Trespass, 310 River St; #1
 12:44:04 Domestic Disturbance, 5063 Mission Creek Rd
 13:31:36 Disturbance, 600blk Cotlets Way
 14:15:21 Welfare Check, 100 North St# 102
 16:12:48 Assist Public, 115 S Douglas St
 18:56:02 Parking/Abandon, 8345 Stine Hill Rd
 23:27:16 Suspicious, Woodring St & Elberta Ave

August 7

9:25:49 Harass/Threat, 8805 Olalla Canyon Rd
 17:30:37 Parking/Abandon, 107 Fasken Dr; Area
 20:58:36 Harass/Threat, 4530 E Nahahum Canyon Rd
 21:13:01 Accident Unk, 5736 Vale Rd; Happy Crops

OBITUARY

Nina Fay Franck



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Nina Fay Franck, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, on August 3, 2024. Wrapped in her loving grandchildren's arms.

Born in Vancouver, Washington, to Vincent and Fay Brehm on March 7, 1942, Nina moved with her family to the Leavenworth Valley in 1943, where she grew up surrounded by the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

Nina lived a life full of laughter and love. She had an uncanny ability to make everyone around her smile. Nina's humor, often unwittingly, was her superpower, bringing light to even the darkest days and reminding us all of the joy in life. Her love for playing games and baking brought the family together, creating cherished

memories.

On August 12, 1967, Nina married Wilson Franck, with whom she shared 38 wonderful years until his passing in 2005. Their love was a cornerstone of Nina's life, and she found immense joy in their time together. Dancing through life with her family.

Though shopping with Nina could be a challenge—her meticulous nature often leading to long hours of deliberation—these moments became cherished memories. Her insistence on finding the perfect item was a testament to her care and thoughtfulness, traits that defined her approach to all aspects of life.

Above all, Nina was the glue that held our family together. She taught us the importance of unity and the strength found in coming together as a family. Her home was a

sanctuary where laughter echoed, and love was always in abundance. Nina's legacy lives on in the values she instilled in us: the significance of family bonds and the power of togetherness.

Nina Franck is survived by her children, Debra Brooks (Franck), Luann Ganong (Franck), Jayne Franck, Doug Franck, and Lydia Franck. Her granddaughter/daughter Keyla Franck; her grandchildren David, Shalyn, Samantha, Nicoletta, Brandy, Jaime, Dustin, Kelly, and Jacob; and her great-grandchildren Valley, Evelyn, Weston, Abby, and Elly. Numerous nieces and nephews. Her sisters Susie and Zirena and her best friend Kathy Jarrett-Cheek were also a cherished part of her life.

Special gratitude to Connie, and Dr. Morgan for the love and unwavering gentle care of our beautiful

Mother over these years.

Nina was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and believed in the resurrection of life in paradise. Greeting her when she left this earth was her beloved husband Wilson, youngest daughter Jenna, stepson Edwin, her parents, and brother.

Rest in peace, dear Nina. Your laughter and love, have left an undeniable mark on us all. Your lessons of love and unity will guide us always, and your memory will forever be etched in our hearts.

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Endangered fish species to benefit from Lower Peshastin Creek restoration

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PESHASTIN — A major habitat restoration project will soon begin on Lower Peshastin Creek to clean up lead waste and enhance fish habitat where the creek meets the Wenatchee River.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Cascade Fisheries are spearheading the initiative, which will unfold in two phases at the WDFW-

managed Dryden Dam Access Site.

Peshastin Creek, crucial for native fish in the Wenatchee watershed, supports three endangered species: upper Columbia Spring chinook, upper Columbia steelhead, and bull trout. However, past human activities, including highway construction, have significantly altered the creek's natural state.

The first phase, focusing on lead cleanup, is scheduled to commence in late August.

Workers will excavate and process approximately 2,000 to 2,500 cubic yards of soil, recycling lead shot and treating contaminated earth on-site. This effort will mitigate risks to human health, water sources, and local flora and fauna.

The second phase, slated for summer 2025, will concentrate on aquatic habitat restoration. Plans include re-establishing connection to the historical channel, expanding the floodplain area, and installing

34 Engineered Log Jams and 13 wood structures to enhance biodiversity and improve stream conditions.

The project, which has been in development for years, is estimated to cost \$3 to \$3.5 million. Multiple partners, including the Washington Department of Ecology, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and the Bonneville Power Administration, are providing funding and support.

Wellness Place to mark 20+ years of cancer support with Lake Chelan cruise

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WENATCHEE — Wellness Place, a nonprofit organization providing free cancer support services in north-central Washington, will mark over two decades of service with a celebratory cruise on Lake Chelan next month.

The "Wellness Place on the Water" event, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., will take place aboard the Lady of the Lake. The gathering aims to commemorate the organization's 20-plus years of supporting cancer patients and their families in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties.

Marissa Collins, Executive Director of Wellness Place, emphasized the significance of the event. "This celebration is not just about our past achievements," Collins said. "It's a testament to our ongoing commitment to supporting cancer patients and their families in our region."

The evening will feature appetizers and desserts provided by Lady of the Lake, music by DJ V, and opportunities for attendees to learn about the organization's services and future plans. Wellness Place offers a range of free resources to individuals affected by cancer, from diagnosis through survivorship.

Tickets for the event are

\$40 per person, and there is limited space. They can be purchased at givebutter.com/wellnessplace-20th or by calling 509-888-9933.

Wellness Place, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has been operating under the motto "No One Fights Alone," providing compassionate support to cancer patients, their families, and caregivers across four counties in Washington state.

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COURTESY OF NCW LIBRARIES

NCW Libraries staff members showcase their engagement with community programs at a "Tech & Tiaras" event, exemplifying the organization's increased focus on partnerships and diverse outreach initiatives reported in their 2023 Annual Report.



COURTESY OF NCW LIBRARIES

Participants at the Warden Senior MeetUp.

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WENATCHEE — NCW Libraries reported increased library engagement across its five-county service area in 2023, according to the organization's annual report. The report shows a 22% rise in digital material checkouts and a 28% increase in items borrowed through the Mail Order Library compared to 2022. In-person program attendance grew, with over 50% more attendees participating in an expanded offering of programs.

Barbara Walters, Executive Director of NCW Libraries, noted the upward trend, stating, "From program attendance to circulation, we

saw an increase in use and engagement across the district in 2023 from the previous year."

The annual report features several impact stories illustrating the role of public libraries in rural communities. Initiatives include embedding library services at a local food bank and collaborating with the Wenatchee School District on a program for migrant parents.

NCW Libraries expanded its partnerships in 2023, working with school and health districts, as well as organizations such as Career Connect Washington, NCW Tech Alliance, Action Health Partners, Community Health Plan of Washington, Hand in Hand Immigration, Humanities Washington,

Wenatchee Dispute Resolution Center, NCW Equity Alliance, Our Valley Our Future, and Wenatchee Valley College.

"We understand the value of partnership. When we build relationships and partnerships with other organizations, our impact is exponentially greater," Walters said.

The library system encourages community members to obtain library cards, explore available services, and connect with library staff. The full 2023 Annual Report is available on the NCW Libraries website: newlibraries.org.

NCW Libraries serves a five-county area in North Central Washington, providing library services and resources to communities across the region.



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An NCW Libraries staff member at the Peshastin Food Bank showcases a variety of books and program materials, demonstrating the library's initiative to embed services in community spaces as highlighted in their 2023 Annual Report.

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Local stream

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land management practices," said Phillip Klenke, Cascade Fisheries Salmon Habitat Project Manager and Coordinated Resource Management Facilitator.

Slowing water in streams such as Chumstick Creek is critical during high water flows in the spring. With nothing to slow the water from quickly emptying into the Wenatchee River, juvenile fish get flushed out, streambeds erode into deep and narrow channels, and surrounding land is unable to replenish its groundwater. This leads to drier vegetation, and hot, low flows by late summer, making it less inhabitable for fish and other wildlife.

While the ecological benefits of even 300 linear feet span well beyond fish, completing a project even of such a small scale can be grueling. The organizations must find a willing landowner, then go through the permitting process, which can take up to multiple years before work is able to begin.

"There's a reason for that, but it's also like, no, we need to do more now, because these fish are going extinct now,

we're in a drought now. It can be really disheartening," said Harwell.

Once permitting and funding is complete, the teams manually clear out the streams of noxious weeds, move large logs, and strategically add BDAs. This laborious process requires teams to source fresh tree cuttings, hammer posts into the stream, then weave the branches in to form a manmade beaver dam. Each structure must be maintained year after year, slowing the teams' ability to create more.

"We're really inefficient compared to beavers," said Lisa Foster, Trout Unlimited Restoration Program Director.

For many years, the three organizations operated individually on projects like these, overwhelmed by the amount of work needed to be done. By 2019, they decided to try forming a Coordinated Resource Management group (CRM), in which they could pool their resources and coordinate projects, organizing their efforts to have a broader impact. The idea received support from the U.S. Forest Service, who works closely with each organization, as well as the Bureau of Reclamation, who funds Klenke's position as CRM Facilitator.



The work team added large wood and a beaver dam analog (BDA) in a segment of Chumstick Creek. This slows water flow, which provides a number of different ecological benefits.

"Last year, our three organizations put in about 300 structures just in one season," said Foster.

Under the CRM group, Klenke, Foster and Harwell are able to coordinate funding, expand labor, and diversify

their projects to minimize gaps or overlap. Regular meetings create a space to share what is working, or not working, and adjust accordingly. Additionally, the group is able to leverage their different advantages, such as

agreements or partnerships, funding sources, and knowledge bases.

"Trout Unlimited is a national organization. They can pull from other people in their national group. Cascadia is a conservation district, and

can levy resources from other conservation districts in the area. Same thing with us. We're one of the 14 regional fisheries enhancement groups in the state, so we have a network that we can reach out to of people who are doing similar or different things in their parts of the state," said Klenke.

With their unprecedented approach, the group has figured out how to increase its impact with the resources it has. Yet, it's nearing capacity with a large number of degraded streams still in need of restoration. The Wenatchee subbasin has over 230 miles of major streams and rivers and three species of threatened or endangered fish.

"This is an immediate need, and we're working as fast as we can. Having more people, more land to do it on, is what we really need. And more beavers," said Foster.

The project along Chumstick Creek was made possible by a private landowner who signed up for Cascadia CD's Process Based Restoration program, which is grant funded. Those interested in the program can find out more at cascadiacd.org/programs/beaver-dam-analogs.

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AI Expo in Wenatchee to explore tech's impact on Washington's economy

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The NCW Tech Alliance, North Central Education Services District (NCESD), and the Apple STEM Network will host the 4th Annual Artificial Intelligence (AI) Expo on August 21 at the Wenatchee Convention Center. The event, scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., focuses on AI's cross-sector

potential and its impact on Washington State policy and economics.

The expo features keynote speakers and breakout sessions, offering attendees the opportunity to engage with experts and explore cutting-edge AI applications. Participants will experience hands-on sessions with Microsoft Copilot and learn about AI's local use cases across various industries,

including finance, marketing, agriculture, and education.

Speakers include Nisaini Rexach (Microsoft), Dr. Min Sun (University of Washington), Dr. Joseph Williams (Washington State Department of Commerce), Alex Albert (Anthropic), Nick Ellingson (Washington Technology Industry Association), John Albert (Ellips USA), Nathan Beam (Forward Financing), Will Little (Prota Ventures),

Jason Hancock, Claudia Backus, Anne Hessberg (Microsoft), and Dave Sabey (Sabey Data Centers).

The AI Expo is integrated into a larger 3-day STEM Summit, providing educators with the opportunity to earn STEM clock hours through NCESD. While primarily targeting businesses, entrepreneurs, and community leaders, the event is open to the public and free of charge, made

possible by a donation from Microsoft.

The organizers are promoting discussions on AI's future in Washington and its local communities. A social event, sponsored by Native Network, will follow the expo, providing networking opportunities for attendees.

This year's AI Expo reflects the growing importance of artificial intelligence across various sectors and its

potential to influence regional economic landscapes. As AI continues to evolve, events like this serve as platforms for knowledge sharing and industry collaboration in the rapidly advancing field of technology.

For more information visit NCWTech.org or contact info@ncwtech.org or call 509-661-9000. Register for free via <https://ncwtech.info/AIExpo24>.



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Cashmere library

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With the addition of all new furniture and resources, the CPL looks forward to a massive redesign of the local library's overall atmosphere and educational capabilities. With such important changes underway, CPL and the NCW Libraries team want to focus on the community itself, asking locals important questions like, "What makes Cashmere special?"

Carlberg also asked attendees to share one aspect of the library they would choose to keep, one aspect they would create, and one aspect they would get rid of.

Each attendee provided

their thoughts on sticky notes, touching on similar themes like strong education, friendly people, and local agriculture.

While the CPL and NCW Libraries team collected each attendee's thoughts, Carlberg posted them onto a board, taking note of every idea and reading some aloud to capture a better sense of what's important to the Cashmere community. Many attendees focused heavily on maintaining and expanding the CPL's variety of extracurricular activities, while others sought to create more resources for Spanish speaking locals. However, the central idea that rang throughout each idea remained clear, putting the needs of the Cashmere

community and its kids first in designing the library's new facilities.

Attendees were then given the opportunity to directly impact the future of the library, providing their votes for the overall style and educational approach of CPL's future location.

For those unable to attend, an online survey containing the same questions is available until August 31 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/c/gechsxuq>.

To learn more about the Cashmere Public Library, NCW Libraries, and their many ongoing programs, visit ncwlibraries.org.

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Architect, Carolyn Carlberg led much of the meeting's presentation, pushing attendees to think about Cashmere's unique characteristics.

Native historian Randy Lewis to lead final WVMCC tour of 2024

By: WILL NILLES
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE—The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center (WVMCC) is taking registrations for its final public guided tour of the year, led by Randy Lewis, a Native P'Squosa Washingtonian and

lifelong local historian. Born on the Colville Indian Reservation, Lewis grew up in the Central Washington area with his family, moving from town to town as the US government repeatedly displaced them through violent and illegal means. Spending his childhood in Methow,

Vantage, and eventually finishing school at Wenatchee Heights, Lewis fostered an intimate web of connection and cultural understanding of the many Indigenous people who have lived in North Central Washington for thousands of years.

Passed on to him by his grandparents and his deep community connections, Lewis holds a massive knowledge of historical and cultural information relating to Indigenous experiences in NCW. He is also a lifelong activist for Indigenous rights, helping to lead the famous Indian occupation of Alcatraz Island in 1969 as well as forming the American Indian Student Union at Western Washington University.

After fighting for Indigenous rights all across the country, Lewis returned to Washington and worked out of the Seattle area before settling back down in Wenatchee to help complete his grandfather's dream of returning the face of the Indigenous people to the Wenatchee area. In doing so, Lewis now works with WVMCC to lead educational tours and record important videos about ongoing Indigenous experiences and histories of the local area.

"Yeah, she kind of dragged me into a whole bucket list that she inherited from her father, my grandfather, Jerry Miller," Lewis chuckled, thinking of his mother, who convinced him to continue his grandfather's local dreams. "One of the key points on the bucket list was bringing the face of the Wenatchi (P'Squosa) back to Wenatchee, bringing the face of our people back here, since we were driven off here at the

turn of the century."

Lewis' upcoming tour starts at WVMCC at 8:45 a.m., September 14, and begins with a deep dive into the Wanapum Heritage Center, located along the Columbia River. At the Heritage Center, participants can immerse themselves in the rich cultures, stories, and experiences of the Wanapum people who continue to live on the Columbia River, their deeply rooted home for millennia.

Following an insightful visit to the Wanapum Heritage Center, the tour stops at the nearby Ginkgo Petrified Forest to admire Washington's ancient and complex geological beauty as Lewis shares his detailed knowledge of its history and

cultural connections.

Jamie Johnson, WVMCC Curator of Education and Programs, loves joining Lewis on his tours around NCW.

"A tip for tour goers is to keep your eye on Randy," Johnson shared. "Even if it's break time, sometimes he'll break into a story about his local family lore... you don't want to miss those little nuggets along the way."

Throughout the entire tour, Lewis imparts these impromptu nuggets of lore onto participants, revealing P'Squosa origin stories connected directly to iconic NCW landmarks like the Peshastin Pinnacles and the Stemilt Spires.

WVMCC's program and

Tour Coordinator, Jeff Becklund, takes great pleasure in working alongside Lewis and helping to plan his tours.

When asked about his favorite part about managing tours with Lewis, Becklund responded, "his wit, humor, and depth of knowledge of ancient culture... It's a great opportunity, I wouldn't pass it up."

This exciting September 14 tour begins at WVMCC at 8:45 a.m.

To register for the event and to learn more about future WVMCC events, visit their official website at wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

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Randy Lewis stands at the Wells Dam, where his grandfather's active farmland was violently stolen without payment.

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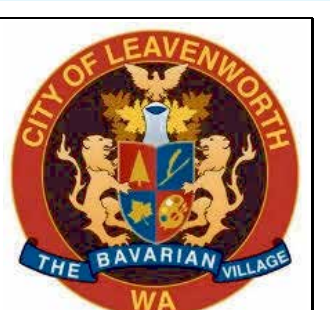
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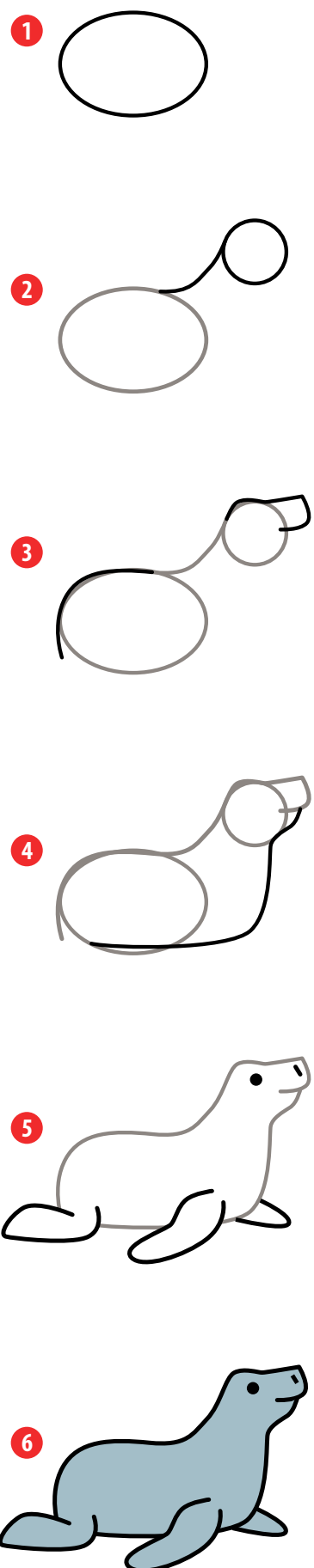
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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4	3	7	1	8	9	6	2	5
2	5	9	3	7	6	4	8	1
8	6	1	2	5	4	3	9	7

ANSWER:

Read these facts about Hawaiian monk seals. Then draw one in 4 easy steps!

- **BODY SHAPE:** Their bodies are long and *fusiform*, or torpedo-shaped, which helps them swim quickly and smoothly.
- **FLIPPERS:** They have short flippers to help them swim and spin quickly.



The Monk Seals of Hawaii

Endangered Marine Mammal

Swimming in the warm, clear waters of Hawaii is a cute animal with large eyes. It's called the monk seal.

Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

Hawaiians call the seal *'Ilio holo i ka uaua*.

Circle every other letter to find out what *'Ilio holo i ka uaua* means.

D A O L G Z T N H V A P T O R W U C
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The Good News

When people realized that the number of Hawaiian monk seals was getting smaller, they started taking actions to protect them. In 2022, the Hawaiian monk seal population was estimated to be between 1,512 and 1,743. This was the first time in over 20 years that the population surpassed 1,570.

Standards Link: Understand people impact other living things.

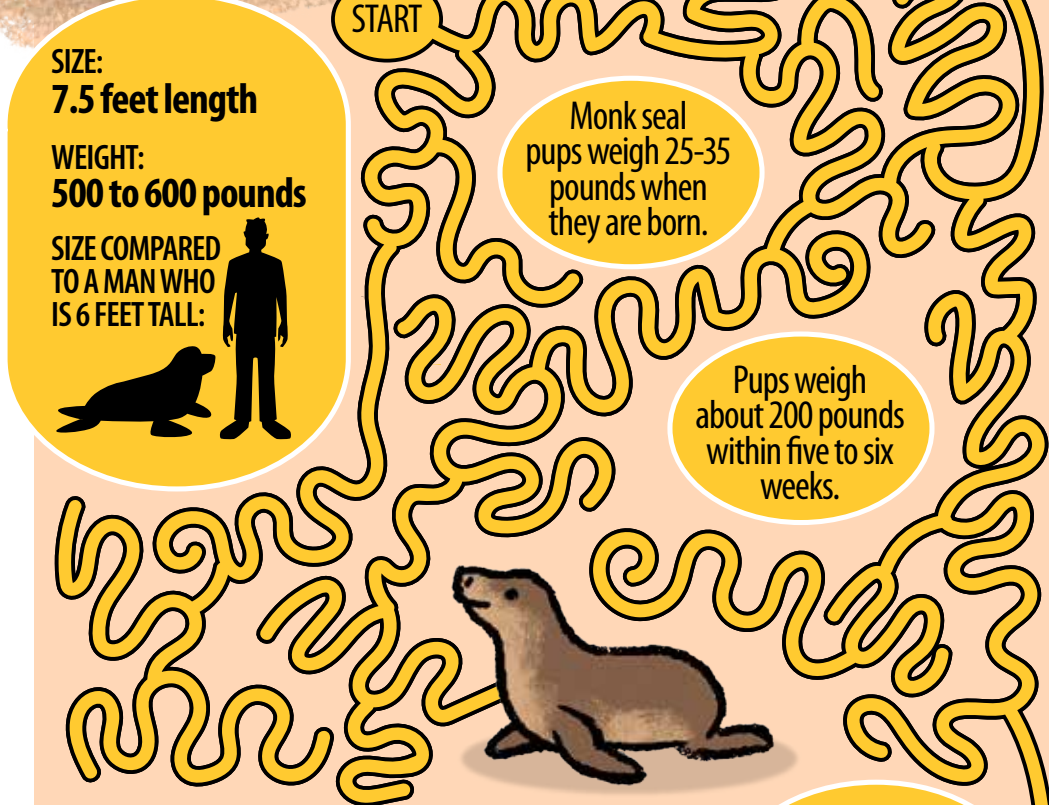


Why is it called a monk seal?

The folds of skin around the seal's neck look like a cowl, or hood. Also, monk seals spend a lot of time alone, or in small groups.



Baby monk seals are called pups. Help mom find the pup.



SIZE:
7.5 feet length

WEIGHT:
500 to 600 pounds

SIZE COMPARED TO A MAN WHO IS 6 FEET TALL:

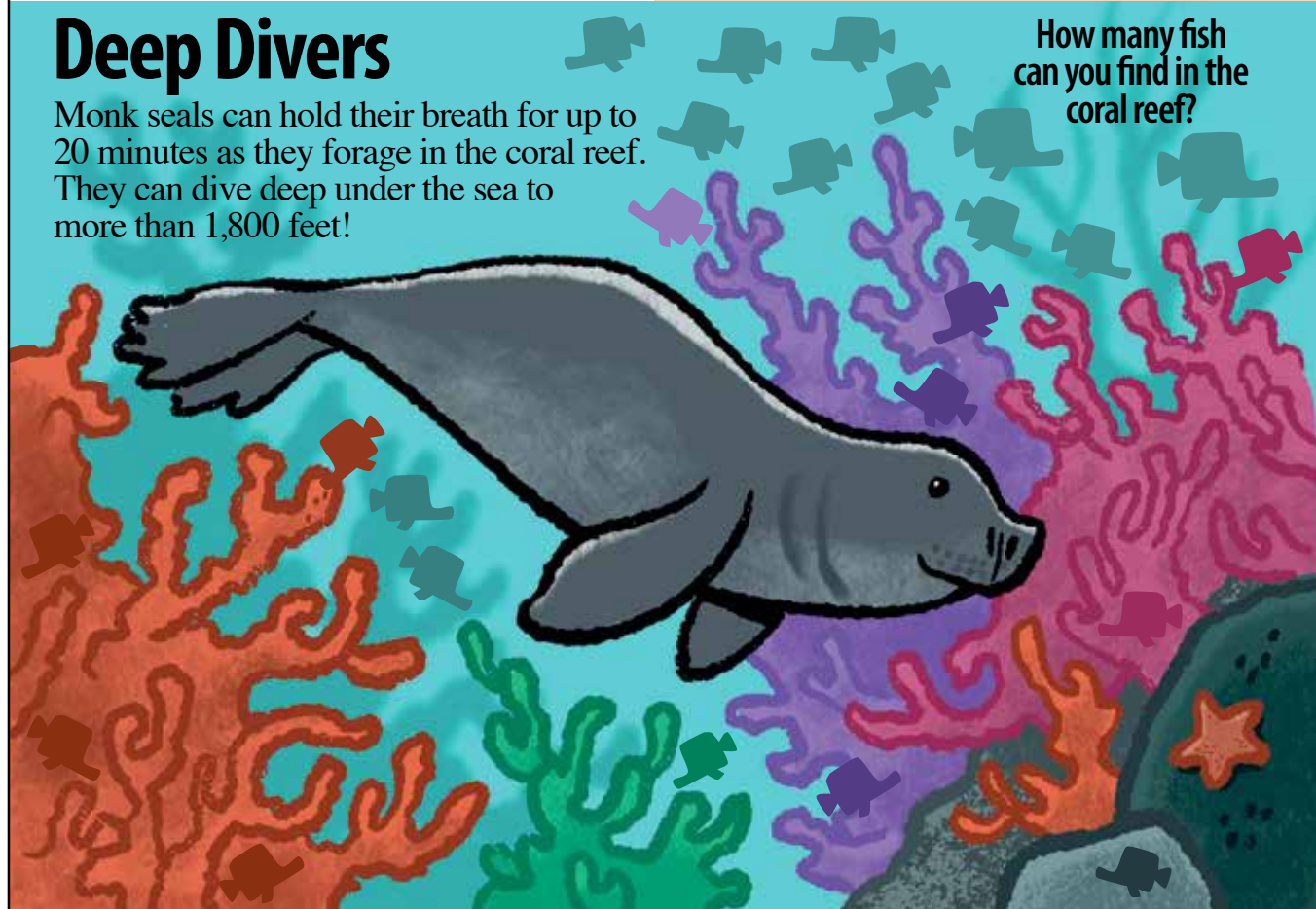


Monk seal pups weigh 25-35 pounds when they are born.

Pups weigh about 200 pounds within five to six weeks.

Deep Divers

Monk seals can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes as they forage in the coral reef. They can dive deep under the sea to more than 1,800 feet!



How many fish can you find in the coral reef?

Monk seal nostrils are small vertical slits. They close when they dive.

Extra! Extra!









The Adjective Hunt

The word **marine** is an adjective, which describes the noun that comes after it in a sentence. Select one page of the newspaper and circle 10 adjectives. Underline the nouns that they each describe.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives in use.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Monk seals are **generalist** feeders and eat different kinds of marine animals. Circle the animals that you think a monk seal will eat. Then, check your answers by doing the math. The items that add up to even numbers are what monk seals will eat.

 7 + 4 + 1 =	 5 + 3 + 2 =	 3 + 4 + 2 =	 2 + 2 + 2 =
 4 + 8 + 4 =	 8 + 3 + 3 =	 5 + 5 + 7 =	 6 + 8 + 2 =

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that some animals are generalist feeders.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MARINE**

The word **marine** is an adjective that means living in the sea.

The monk seal is a **marine** mammal.

Try to use the word **marine** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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