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## Community Foundation NCW helps local non-profits flourish with legacy funds grant program

By: WILL NILLES

Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — Community Foundation NCW (CFNCW) introduced a new grant program aimed at putting money back into the  $hands \ of \ \bar{local} \ nonprofits \ across \ North$ Central Washington. The Legacy Funds Grant Program accomplishes this major goal by centralizing locals within nonprofit funding decisions for their communities.

The program operates through locally contributed donations, giving members of each participating community the autonomy to provide funding to the local nonprofit organizations that best confront

CFNCW Director of Community Grants Jennifer Short shared her optimism for the program.

"What excites me the most is that it's an opportunity in any of these communities for local people to donate or leave funds and bequests to their local communities, and these dollars are then decided by local people, in turn, helping local organizations."

She reinforced this excitement for the program with a simple yet powerful statement about its focus,

"Community members get to make decisions for their own communities."

As Short explains, the Legacy Funds Grant Program accomplishes this goal by forming local advisory

boards (LABs) for each participating community, consisting of dedicated local residents.

"What the legacy funds program has done is add these local advisory boards that consist of local community members who get to make those decisions in each of their communities," She mentioned.

The CFNCW selected these LAB members through an application process that ensured the inclusion of advisors with a wide range of local backgrounds and a shared dedication to community involvement. By organizing local boards based on important factors like length of local

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COURTESY OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NCW

The major regions involved in the first round of the Legacy Funds Grant Program's application process.

# Getting to know the residents of Cashmere's local animal sanctuary



By: WILL NILLES Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE— A compassionate home for rejected and abused animals resides in the Cashmere area, providing nine different species of critters with their natural habitats while educating locals on the most ethical ways to raise them. Run by nature loving Anna and Eric Gullickson, Ridge 2 River Animal Haven aims to counteract the unethical practices of the agriculture industry by spreading awareness about the direct effects that overconsumption has on animals.

Anna Gullickson acts as president of Ridge 2 River, overseeing the care of each animal resident, training volunteers, and organizing educational programs. With such a detailed understanding of every animal and their individual needs, Gullickson takes all her visitors on a thorough tour of the sanctuary, making sure to introduce each unique resident in the hopes of teaching

people something new.

Gullickson likes to start with their goats and sheep who, like all their animal residents, present a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. The two goats, Sage and Woody, are twin brothers, rejected from the dairy where they were born. They now chomp away on their cud with a sense of zen nonchalance.

"Sage is super friendly and wants to headbutt and play," Gullickson described with a smile. "And Woody's just also a big lover and just wants to

Though they continue to live happy and comfortable lives, their upbringing within the dairy industry continues to scar them. As is general practice in dairies, both Sage and Woody's horns were seared off at the skull when still extremely young. This causes their skulls to remain somewhat fragile, leaving them highly sensitive and vulnerable to injury.

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Sage lazes in the sun in front of his sheep friend, Basil, chewing his cud



Little Squidward soaks up the mud behind his big friend, Beni, snorting with deep satisfaction.

#### **Country Star Easton Corbin to** headline Chelan County Fair, bringing traditional sound to rural Washington

COURTESY OF DUSTY BARKER Awardwinning country star, **Easton Corbin,** is set to play as the Chelan **County Fair's** headliner performance on September 6, shedding the spotlight on smalltown Cashmere.



## Cashmere Council approves annexation, grapples with rising jail costs and climate plan

By Kirk Beckendorf

Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE — The Cashmere City Council unanimously approved the initiation of annexation proceedings for a 5-acre parcel at 5633 Evergreen Dr. during their August 12 meeting. The request came from Corey Van Lith, representing property owner Maria Christina Barros.

Van Lith addressed the council, outlining plans to develop townhomes on the multifamilyzoned property. City officials explained that the annexation process, which includes a public comment period, hearing, and council ordinance, is separate from

development permitting. Mayor Jim Fletcher presented data showing a significant increase in incarceration rates and jail time for misdemeanor offenses in Cashmere, resulting in a \$70,000 rise in costs billed by the Chelan County Sheriff's Department. From January to July 2024, an average of two Cashmere residents per day were jailed for misdemeanors, with an

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## Local startup bridges gap for rural services

By: WILL NILLES Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE—Operating out of Cashmere, family-run business Carriage House Office (CHO) aims to connect local rural communities to all the conveniences of a city-based home and office delivery service without any of the hassles.

As their name suggests, CHO provides three main areas of service: goods delivery, home maintenance, and office supply. The major goal in providing such a wide range of services is to help alleviate the already busy schedules of local farmers, artists, and professionals by delivering a one-stop shop straight to their doorstep.

Co-founder and operator of CHO, Bonnie Phipps, explained their services and the positive impact they seek to have on local rural communities.

"There's community benefit and service from a public health [standpoint] to be able to deliver to these food deserts, fresh local goods, Phipps revealed, "and to deliver to seniors so they can age in place and to support local farmers and bakers by marketing and getting their products

Phipps and her husband, Pete, formed the company together based on their individual strengths. Bonnie's in-depth experience in administration and business leadership, combined with Pete's professional maintenance knowledge, made it only a matter of time before their passion for providing locals with crucial services came to fruition in CHO.

"I was the market manager for the Leavenworth farmers market, and so I got to know the farmers, baker, and artisans there," Bonnie explained, expanding on the benefits of her community networking. "But I also started to have friends and family asking for me to pick up fresh goods and bring it back to them in Cashmere

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COURTESY OF BONNIE PHIPPS

Bonnie and Pete Phipps make a local delivery together, happy to help connect community members to regional business owners.

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#### Low waste cooking series

Waste Loop will host Seasonal Abundance, a lowwaste cooking series featuring cucumbers, on Saturday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Tierra Learning Center in Leavenworth.

"Seasonal Abundance: a low waste cooking series is a hands-on workshop bringing together community members to share in the seasonal bounty of NCW," the event page states. "Participants will learn low waste cooking techniques from local chefs while preparing several recipes using a featured produce item and other regionally bountiful ingredients."

For more information, visit wasteloop.org.

#### Cardmaking and Papercraft Art Workshop

The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center will host a Cardmaking and Papercraft Art Workshop on Saturday, August 24, from 1

"The Wenatchee Valley Cultural Museum and Center and NCW Arts Alliance invite you to this collaborative workshop series featuring regional artists and educators," the event page states. "Play with paper alongside Cashmere-based artist Rhia Foster. Explore the textures and images you can create layering paper and color."

This workshop costs \$35 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. Registration is required.

For more information, visit wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

#### **Mount Vernon Mariachi** & Folklorico

Mount Vernon Mariachi & Folklorico will perform at Lincoln Rock State Park on Saturday, August 24, from 7 to

"Mount Vernon Mariachi Folklórico is

the largest Mariachi Program the west side of the state with over 120 students," the event page states. "Mount Vernon High School Mariachi & Folklórico's mission is to pass down Mexico's rich traditions of dance and music to youth. This vibrant cultural heritage lives on in the community through MV performances.'

For more information, visit parks.wa.gov.

#### Wenatchee Wine and **Food Festival**

The Wenatchee Wine and Food Festival will be held on Saturday, August 24, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee.

award-winning "Enjoy

wines and tasty bites from the area's best restaurants and caterers, along with craft beers, live music, and more,' the event page states.

For more information, visit town to yota center.com.

#### Wednesday Wenatchee Birding

The Wenatchee River Institute will host Wednesday Wenatchee Birding at Walla Walla Point Park in Wenatchee on Wednesday, August 28, from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

birding knowledgeable WRI staff around Walla Walla Point Park and the Horan Natural Area in Wenatchee," the event page states. "All birding skill levels are welcome. Need binoculars? We have loaner binoculars that you can borrow."

For more information, visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

# The dilemma of civil discourse

n an era marked polarization by and heated rhetoric, the notion of discourse has become both a beacon of hope and a subject of intense scrutiny. As we reflect on the state of public conversation in our society, we find ourselves grappling with a subtle yet pervasive challenge: the bias toward civility itself.

At first glance, the pursuit of civil discourse seems an unequivocally noble goal. It conjures images of reasoned debate, mutual respect, and the free exchange of ideas cornerstones of a healthy democracy. Indeed, many institutions and leaders have long advocated for such dialogue as the key to addressing our most pressing issues.

However, we must ask ourselves: Does our emphasis on civility sometimes come at



From the Publisher **Terry** WARD

confrontation? Are moments the demand for polite discourse inadvertently silences voices that need to be heard?

The civil rights movement of the 1960s serves as a reminder that progress often requires disruption. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from

Birmingham Jail" eloquently challenged the notion that the pursuit of justice should always prioritize social tranquility. Today, as we face urgent issues from climate change to systemic inequality, we must consider whether our societal preference for "civility" sometimes impedes meaningful action.

This is not to advocate for incivility or to dismiss the importance of respectful dialogue. Rather, it is a call

for nuance and self-reflection. As engaged citizens, we must strive to distinguish between unproductive hostility and the righteous indignation that often accompanies calls for change.

our communities, workplaces, and public forums, we need to reevaluate our approach to discourse. While providing space for diverse viewpoints, we must also be mindful of the power dynamics at play in public conversations. It's crucial to amplify voices that challenge the status quo, even when their methods may not align with traditional notions of civility.

Our collective goal should be to foster a society that is not just polite, but just and equitable. Achieving this may sometimes require us to embrace discomfort and to question our own biases even those that seem, on the surface, to be virtuous.

As we navigate these

complex social dynamics, each of us has a role to play in shaping the nature of our public discourse. We must strive for a balance that allows for passionate advocacy while maintaining the mutual respect necessary for productive dialogue. This might mean:

- 1. Listening actively to perspectives that challenge our own, even when they're expressed forcefully. 2. Recognizing that tone
- policing can be a form of silencing, especially for marginalized voices. 3. Distinguishing between civility as a tool for
- respectful exchange and civility as a shield against uncomfortable truths. 4. Creating spaces where conversations difficult can occur without the

immediate demand for

politeness trumping the

need for honesty. By critically examining our attachment to civil discourse,

we open the door to a more dynamic and inclusive public sphere. One where the substance of arguments isn't overshadowed by their presentation, and where the urgency of certain issues is given its due weight.

As we move forward, let us work toward a public discourse that is not just civil, but also just, inclusive, and truly transformative. It's a challenging balance, but one that's essential for addressing complex problems and building a society that can evolve through both reasoned debate and impassioned calls for change.

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## **Chelan County** Sheriff's Report



#### **August 9**

2:10:15 Diversion, 5200blk Sunset Hwy

12:19:57 Drugs, 107 Meadowsweet Pl

15:06:31 Juvenile Proble, 4870 Mission Creek Rd 17:40:08 Court Order Vio, 8681 N Dryden Rd, Dryden

#### August 10

2:10:15 Diversion, 5200blk Sunset Hwy

7:46:45 Disturbance, 207 Vine St Unit 2

8:22:25 Weapons Violati, 8655 Nahahum Canyon Rd 15:09:53 Harass/Threat, 300 Sunset Hwy; Crunch Pak

18:10:45 Suspicious, 5607 Sunset Hwy; Uhaul 19:20:27 Theft, 305 Woodring

St# 1

#### August 11

5:53:57 Trespass, 300 Aplets Way; Hometown Mca 5:58:06 Malicious Misch, 3789 Ayers Rd, Monitor

7:21:34 Malicious Misch, 3550 Fairview Canyon Rd 13:38:17 Assault, 302 Fisher St# 108

16:28:35 Disturbance, 2255 Mission Creek Rd 19:17:00 Disturbance, 300 Woodring St

21:06:58 Diversion, 8650 Dryden Frontage Rd# 22:35:32 Assist Public, Us Hwy 2 Mp 109 Eb

#### August 12

1:41:11 Suspicious, 115 S Douglas

St 7:26:33 Theft, 5607 Sunset Hwy; Picadilly

certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

#### 10:07:10 Suicide Threat, 103 Mission Creek Rd# A 11:34:19 Civil, 5300 Wohlers Rd

18:33:36 Assist Public, 103 9:37:25 Accident No Inj, Us Hwy Crestview Pl 2 & Eels Rd 19:11:46 Hazard, 6400blk Turkey

Shoot Rd 01:16:49 Malicious Misch, 123 Mission Creek Rd

02:50:09 Accident Injury, Mission Ave & Woodring St 21:35:18 Graffiti, 300 Tigner Rd;

#### Cashmere Mi August 13

13:39:36 Accident Unk, 6400blk Pine Flats Loop Rd 16:03:14 Theft, 130 Titchenal Way; Martins

20:58:53 Property, Olive St & Railroad Ave

#### August 14

10:33:11 Suspicious, 305 Woodring St# 3 10:44:27 Parking/Abandon, 5800 Kimber Rd; Christ Center

12:44:39 Parking/Abandon, 110 E Pleasant Ave 16:48:15 Trespass, 5800 Kimber Rd; Christ Church

16:52:03 Diversion, 809 Pioneer Ave# Main 21:03:44 Trespass, 130 Titchenal

#### Way; Martins August 15

3:48:47 Hazard, N Dryden Rd & Remley Rd, Dryden 11:28:24 Traffic Offense, 404 Aplets Way

17:39:34 Traffic Offense, Sunset Hwy & Larson St 18:50:19 Civil, 109 Cascade Pl 19:23:28 Suspicious, 115 E Pleasant Ave# 1 20:42:23 Suspicious, 5980

Goodwin Rd; Vacasa

#### Chelan County to hold public meeting on floodplain regulations

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CHELAN COUNTY Chelan County officials have announced a community meeting to address concerns and regulations regarding floodplain and floodway areas. The event, scheduled for August 29, will educate residents about permissible activities in flood-

prone regions. The Chelan County Community Development Department will host the meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club. County officials will discuss building codes applicable to properties

in floodways and floodplains,

as well as their impact on development and insurance policies.

Deanna Walter, Community director. Development emphasized the importance of the meeting. "Illegal buildings and structures built in floodplains impact the county's overall flood insurance rating with FEMA, an issue that everyone should be concerned about because it trickles down to the homeowner through higher insurance premiums," Walter said. "This meeting is an opportunity for us to engage with people, answer their questions and address the whys of floodplain regulations and codes."

The meeting will cover a range of topics, including regulations on clearing, grading, and the installation of sheds and utilities in floodplain areas. Representatives from Community Development, the county's floodplain expert, and Chelan County Code Enforcement will be present to

address public inquiries. While the meeting location was chosen due to recent questions from Lake Wenatchee residents, officials stress that the issue affects people across Chelan County, particularly

those in flood-prone areas. Attendees will have access to flood maps at the event. Residents unsure about their property's floodplain status can consult the FEMA Flood Map Service Center online at www.fema.gov/flood-maps.



#### **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

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. (Ist 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. (Ist 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. (Ist 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 (Ist 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 (Ist Mon.)

#### **Tuesday**

Icicle & 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

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**

Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314 You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call

Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 9-6, Wed. 1-6 and Sat., 1O-2.

Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org

**Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village** 

location. 509-782-7404. (3rd Tues.)

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.

#### Washington auto shops get state funds for safer degreasers

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OLYMPIA — Washington state's efforts to promote cleaner and safer automotive repair practices are gaining traction, with more than 150 auto shops transitioning to environmentally friendly degreasers since 2021.

The Washington Department Ecology's product replacement program, which offers financial incentives for businesses to switch from solvent-based degreasers to safer alternatives, continues to accept applications. Eligible auto repair shops can receive up to \$10,000 in reimbursements.

Thatcher Montgomery, who leads the department's automotive degreaser replacement program, emphasized the importance of the initiative. "There's a variety of products on the market, and it's hard to tell what's safer or not," Montgomery said. "That's why we encourage the switch to EPA Safer Choice certified products—someone else has already done the hard work of figuring out what's safer."

Traditional automotive degreasers often contain toxic chemicals such as methanol, toluene, or hexane, which pose risks to both human health and the environment.

These substances can become hazardous waste after use.

reimbursement amounts are tiered based on the safety and environmental impact of the alternative Water-based products. cleaners are eligible for up to \$5,000 in reimbursements, while EPA Safer Choice certified products qualify for

the maximum \$10,000. Eligible applicants include shops, businesses, non-profits, and local governments in Washington that service at least one of the following: cars, trucks, buses, semi-trucks, or motorcycles intended for use on public roads.

Department The Ecology typically responds to applications within five business days. Officials advise businesses to wait for application approval and receipt of a voucher before purchasing new equipment.

The product replacement program, established by the Washington Legislature in 2019, aims to reduce the use of harmful chemicals in consumer products and services by directly compensating small businesses that adopt safer alternatives.

Interested parties can find more information on the agency's automotive degreaser replacement program

## Country Star Easton Corbin to headline Chelan County Fair, bringing traditional sound to rural Washington

By: WILL NILLES

Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE— With preparations for the Chelan County Fair ramping up, award-winning country icon Easton Corbin looks forward to making an appearance as the event's headline performance.

Corbin hails from Trenton, Florida, and is famous for his multiple top-10 Billboard hits, including All Over the Road and A Little More Country Than That.

Traveling all across the nation, Corbin loves getting to play small town shows regardless of the venue.

"Every venue has it's own personality," Corbin shared. whether it be a county fair, a club, a theater, it's just all a little different. The commonality of [every venue] is, people are there to have a good time and hear some country music, and that's what we're gonna do."

This deep connection and joy for playing in rural communities stems from Corbin's own upbringing on his grandparents' farm. Growing up in a classic agricultural American community, he sees many of the fond elements of his hometown reflected in places like North Central Washington.

'You know, I grew up on a cattle farm, I showed cattle for 4H and FFA, and I take pride in my music being authentic for who I am and where I'm from and how I was raised, so that very much influences my music," he explained, mentioning that he often sees

important rural communities being overlooked. "And when we play around big cities, some people don't think much about the surrounding area, especially in Washington. So much of that is agriculturally related, there's a lot of farming and outdoor stuff that goes on in Washington State.'

Corbin looks to bring his best show to Chelan County, providing fans and newcomers alike with a diversified setlist of his top songs, newest releases, and classic covers.

'We're gonna do all the hits we have. We're gonna throw some new songs in there from our latest project. We might do a cover or two, and I don't know, maybe there's not a song that we do in the set but it's a fan favorite. We've had people hold up signs or yell out a song. And it's like, 'you want to hear it? We'll do it!""

This type of fan-centered performance is common for Corbin, as he loves giving the fans what they want. In fact, he has a few highly requested fan favorites in his repertoire.

"One song that I love that's a fan favorite, it never was a radio single, is a song called Tulsa Texas. And we get requests for that song every night."

With a knack for classic country, Corbin plans to stick by his traditional roots, calling on influence from old-school stars like Merle Haggard and George Jones. Although Corbin sees the industry around him as constantly changing, he hopes to stay with his traditional style and continue paying homage to his authentic rural upbringing.

"You know, the industry is ever evolving, it never stays the same. And for me, I like to set my flag on the traditional side of things. No matter what direction the genre goes in, I'll always be that as an artist," Corbin said with pride. "I think the key to longevity and success is staying true to who you are and being that constant to your fans, they can always depend on you."

In that same sense of appreciation for American tradition, Corbin loves playing at county fairs across the country, standing by his belief that small town communities are crucial to his fanbase and the nation as a whole.

"I think that's the backbone of our country," he mentioned, "that's really the backbone of our audience. So, doing those county fairs and events like that, I think that's how you stay connected to those smaller communities."

Corbin reinforces this belief through his own childhood memories of county fair performances, remembering the massive impact that one night of good country music can have on a small community.

"Every year, I remember going to a festival or two around my area as a kid, you know, that's the biggest thing that happens in your area all year long," He shared, remembering the importance of performing for rural towns similar to his home. "You always got to remember that, you know, even though we play every night, for a particular group of people, you might be the highlight of their year."

While he continues to prepare for his September 6 performance at the Chelan County Fairgrounds, Corbin is working on an upcoming project that he has yet to announce. Details on the project remain confidential. However, Corbin wants fans to know that something is in the works.

"I can't give up too much [information] yet, but we definitely got something cooking in the book," he revealed.

With the days to the Chelan County Fair counting down, Corbin can't wait to get back over to Washington State and perform for his local fans while introducing new listeners to his music. Though Washington State is about as far away from Florida as it gets, he explains that his West Coast fans can be just as big.

"I'm looking forward to it. We have a lot of great fans out on the West Coast. And unfortunately, it being such a long ways away, we don't get to get out there as often as we'd like," Corbin admitted. "So when we do get out there, man, it's a great time, and it's a special time to be able to hang out with our fans and share our music with those who are a little farther away but just as big of fans."

To learn more about the Chelan County Fair and its upcoming featured performances, visit chelancountyfair.com.

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#### Sanctuary

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Regardless, Sage and Woody enjoy healthy lives at Ridge 2 River alongside their Blackbelly Sheep neighbor, Basil, who locals had found tied to a tree in the wilderness.

After surviving with no food and water for three days, Basil now accentuates a bold and independent personality, taking her time to trust new

"Basil is really sassy," Gullickson shared, "but she also is super affectionate at the same time.'

Across the lawn from the goats, a little barn rests, full of 14 bunnies taking refuge from the summer sun. With their cuddly appearance and pet store availability, Gullickson says that bunnies are often some of the most misunderstood animals. Commonly bought as gifts for young children, many people don't understand that bunnies are often territorial, require socialization with other bunnies, and don't appreciate being picked up.

Bunnies are also burrowing animals, and they will easily become anxious or depressed if they are unable to dig new shelters and pathways. Hence, the many secret passages leading in and out of the bunny barn.

If given the right conditions, however, even territorial bunnies show their fluffy personalities.

"The bunnies, over time, they love getting their medicine as a treat every morning," Gullickson said. "The ones that get meds run up to me, and they get so excited to eat their piece of banana with medicine in it."

Nearby, a covered area full of small trees provides a tiny green oasis for a ragtag flock of chickens, peahens, and ducks. Each feathered resident has their own story and personality, like Roo, the gentleman rooster who protects his hen neighbors and always ensures they eat first. Ridge 2 River rescued Roo after a local advertised him as having one hour before being put into a freezer.

"He'll guard the hens when they're laying their eggs..." Gullickson described Roo's dedication. "When it's time for bed he guides them inside. He takes his duty very seriously."

Farther up the hillside, an unlikely trio naps amongst the dried shrubs and sagebrush. The two resident pigs, Squidward and Beni, share their enclosure with their cat friend, Pearl. Squidward, with malformed back legs and a history of starvation, is extra small for his age. Gullickson believes he may have been raised to be a 'teacup' pig, a fake breed of miniature pig created by starving a piglet of nutrition and preventing its growth by physically

restraining it. Now, Squidward has little to complain about. He is lazing in his personally designed mud puddle and sharing meals with

his two close friends. "Seeing Squidward come from where he was, so grumpy and just unhappy, to the pig you see today has been amazing," Gullickson said as she used a back scratcher to pet him on his upturned belly.

As Gullickson wrapped up her tour with the Cashmere

inspires her passion for caring for and learning about so many different creatures. "Overall, my favorite part of

Record, she touched on what

taking care of them is seeing their transition and seeing how they are when they come in," she shared. "And then, after time, when they know that this is their home and they're respected and loved and getting all their needs met, how you see their full personality. Some take a long time, some take less time, but I've been able to gain everyone's trust, and it's incredibly rewarding." Moving forward with their

goal to confront the negative effects of animal exploitation at the hands of massive industries, Ridge 2 River is pursuing the further education of local youth and adults. The Ridge 2 River team believes that real impacts can be made only through the spread of awareness and a more intimate understanding of animals and their needs.

In this educational direction, Gullickson and her team plan to spread their voices, teaching the next generation Washingtonians

importance of respecting and caring for their fellow creatures through a variety of different avenues. "We're super excited about

the LEAP program and having that this year, and hopefully doing presentations in more classrooms, just getting more field trips up here," Gullickson said, listing off a few of the many ways they seek to educate locals. "We would love more interest in field trips and visitors to the sanctuary where they can meet the residents." As the sun sets on

Cashmere's dusty hills, each of Ridge 2 River's many unique residents rest easy, knowing they have a comfortable and healthy home. While they enjoy their well-deserved sanctuary, the mission to help the millions of other animals neglected and abused by the agriculture industry continues well underway.

For more information on Ridge 2 River Animal Haven and its many residents, visit their official website at ridge2river.org.

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Bunnies, Sophie and Mopsy, wait peacefully in the shadow of their barn for the summer sun to go down.

#### **Foundation**

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residency, the process allowed CFNCW to create diverse LABs that understand their complex regions' unique needs.

"We were also wanting to make sure that we were trying to have representation of underserved populations like our BIPOC and LGBTQ [communities]," Short added. "So that everyone is at the table when it comes to making those decisions."

CFNCW carefully tailors these LABs, training each member in the best ways to review and perform site visits of non-profit organizations in their region. The ultimate goal is to provide legacy funds to those who most adequately address community issues. This includes an in-person regional training program for

all LAB members. "There were about 65 to 70 people that came, and they did a mandatory regional training,

then over the last few months, I've been working with them to learn how we evaluate the grants, what site visits entail, and guidelines and procedures the Community with Foundation, so that they've got the tools they need to make informed decisions."

Though they feel optimistic about the program's structure, Short explained that CFNCW plans to actively rework it to best suit the needs of organizations in each region.

"Yeah, and this is our first year," she commented. "We'll learn every year, we'll evaluate, and we'll really lean in on that feedback from the local advisory boards and the nonprofits that we serve in our communities."

The first round of legacy fund applications within the Wenatchee Valley, Upper Valley, Chelan Valley, and Cashmere regions closed on August 15. This made way for a round of applications within the Methow Valley starting December 1, finishing with the

Okanogan Valley applications set for February 1. Then, the process starts all over again with Cashmere.

With so many communities and organizations involved, CFNCW seeks to streamline its application process to ensure that local nonprofits aren't dissuaded from accessing these crucial funds.

"We've heard a lot of great reflection back from the nonprofits that sure is helpful," Short mentioned optimistically, expanding on the program's transparency. "You can preview the application questions ahead of time without having to get logged into our system. We just really want it to be an easy process for our nonprofits and

community groups.' Cashmere region LAB member and Vice President of Instruction at WVC Tod Treat expressed his excitement about the Legacy Funds Grant Program's potential to impact local communities.

"First of all, by having local

individuals working together to prioritize the greatest need and greatest impact, the community itself will benefit from the funding."

This overall focus of placing community members in charge of their own funds, as Tod puts it, will ideally impart each participating region with a continual cycle of straightforward, unrestricted local donation.

"I'm really optimistic that people will increase their giving, and that the giving then increases the annual gift, and then the gifts increase the annual impact, and all of a sudden, you have a system of community improvement that's really exciting."

To make a donation or to learn more about the Community Foundation of NCW's Legacy Funds Grant Program as well as their many other locally focused efforts, visit cfncw.org.

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#### POINT OF VIEW

## More air assets and initial attacks are key to improving fire response

uch attention and resources have been directed in recent weeks to Wenatchee's Balsam Root Fire in early July and the Pioneer Fire currently burning near Lake Chelan. These fires are just two of the many our state will endure during this unusually long fire season.

Growing up in Wenatchee, wildland fires were once only an occasional summer

issue. Now they are a common occurrence. This disappointing trend involves many factors, including land management practices, climate conditions, and fire suppression tactics as well as population growth and the unfortunate increases in human-caused fires. Despite the causes, the initial attack over the first several hours is the most influential to fire suppression.

In that regard, our region is grateful for the swift response to Wenatchee's Balsam Root Fire. It is another example of a superb job by our local and state firefighters to protect Wenatchee area homes. Unfortunately, information is mixed about the initial attack of the Pioneer Fire near Lake Chelan with firsthand accounts from people in the air and on the lake differing from federal agency leaders.

Regardless of the disputed accounts, we must get to the point where our government can put out fires soon after they start rather than just "managing" them as they



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State Senator, 12th Legislative District

increased its contract pilots, but our region needs more federal aircraft, especially on fires of federal jurisdiction. I have worked closely with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner Hilary Franz and our area's legislators to increase state wildfire funding. I'm grateful to her for how she has transformed the agency.

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But with federal lands representing vast amounts of Chelan County, more federal aircraft is needed to mitigate threats. Air resources are very expensive, of course, but so is "managing" a fire into the fall with hundreds of personnel and other assets deployed. I would not be surprised if the Pioneer Fire costs eventually exceed \$100 million.

Washington fires often compete with others in the western United States and British Columbia for air resources. Having more federal air resources pre-positioned in the region would improve the initial response and help ensure that our region has resources in times of need.

In addition to Commissioner Franz, I've been in communications with Congresswoman Kim Schrier, US Senator Patty Murray's office, Chelan County Commissioner Tiffany Gering, and others. I'm grateful for their prompt responses and good communication. If we can make it through these next several weeks, it would be helpful to convene officials for a "wildfire summit" this winter to consider improvements for

next fire season. Beyond responding to active fires, reducing our wildfire risks involves strategically improving our landscapes, removing small diameter trees, clearing creating underbrush, Firewise neighborhoods. prescribing fire, and other proactive efforts, including reducing accidental fires. All of these topics, including firefighting tactics and increased air resources, should be part of the discussion.

Protecting structures and communities is extremely important with active fires, which is where the current focus must be, but a full analysis is needed in the coming months. Figuring out what it will take to better attack these fires in the first few hours will be critical to keeping us safe, maintaining healthy air quality, and preserving our county's tourism opportunities.

Brad Hawkins is State Senator for the 12th Legislative District.

#### **Jail costs**

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average stay of 11 days. This marks a substantial increase from 2022 and 2023 figures.

Fletcher attributed the spike to changes in judicial practices post-COVID and recent state legislation reclassifying drug possession as a misdemeanor. He noted the city's desire to keep "bad guys" in jail while acknowledging the financial

In a contentious 3-1 vote, the council approved Perteet, Inc. to develop a Climate Change city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Councilmember Jayne Stephenson vocally opposed the measure, calling it "the dumbest thing I have ever read." Director of Operations Steve Croci explained the plan is mandated by new state law, with a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Commerce funding its development.

The council unanimously approved an amendment to an agreement with Quality Paving for additional crack sealing of city streets. The Transportation Improvement Board will cover 95% of the responsible for the remaining \$2,168.

Officials also reviewed and revised the city's 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan, prioritizing Evergreen Rd. improvements due to anticipated increased traffic from new developments. Mayor Fletcher emphasized the importance of including projects in the TIP for grant eligibility.

Lastly, the council unanimously approved an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Chelan County for the Emergency Generator and Electrical Quick



Increases in incarceration numbers and length of stay contribute to costs to Cashmere.

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### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

# Leavenworth approves controversial ordinance permitting condominiums in residential zones

By Taylor Caldwell  $Ward\ Media\ Staff\ Reporter$ 

LEAVENWORTH - City Council approved an ordinance to allow condominiums in residential zoning, following a contentious discussion between the council and members of the community.

"If I wasn't able to buy my house that I did six years ago, I would be looking at a condo. It brings up a lot of emotions," said Council member Shane Thayer.

Ordinance No. 1695 would permit dwellings within residential zoning districts to convert to condominiums under a binding site plan process, also known as common interest ownership. A provision was added to only permit condominium conversion if one or more of the condominium units were built after March 31, 2016.

The Aug. 13 meeting attracted nearly a full house of Planning Commissioners and community members in support of the ordinance. The ordinance did receive letters of opposition, as well as two virtually present community members expressing concerns about the ordinance favoring developers and wanting the city to prioritize city infrastructure and wildfire safety before approval.

"It's a very big tool that's too broad in the moment. MEND can do what it does, but we don't need to change the way we're doing the entire structure," said community member Ann Crosby.

The conversation opened with council members Zeke Reister and Rhona Baron expressing concern that common interest ownership would not guarantee affordable housing, and could result in more second-homes. The idea of deed restrictions was proposed, but later abandoned due to the suggestion that deed restriction management is inefficient and costly.

Planning Commissioners and community members pushed back on the affordability argument, urging the council to consider the ordinance as a way to create more "middle housing" ownership options that could lower the barrier for first-time home buyers.

"I would urge the council to for divorce the idea of affordability from [Ordinance] 1695 completely because they don't have much to do with each other at all... It creates housing units that are purchasable at less of a price than single family housing units, and a lot of these are going to be infill housing, meaning they're houses that already exist," said community

member Simon Farivar.

again brought Baron up the need to regulate the appearance of the condominiums, which would be held to criteria listed under a binding site plan. Baron referred to public fears of more projects being built similar to the unpopular zero-lot line single family residences with attached accessory dwelling units (ADU) on Stafford Street.

"They look at stuff like that. They go, 'Too high, not enough vegetation. Let's talk about the parking...I'm in favor of waiting and hearing from the community and balancing some of these things out. I'm not against it, but I think that there aren't enough things in place to protect and care and listen to the people that have not been happy, and I hate coming in here and having to be their voice," said Baron.

Baron additionally referenced a conversation with her physical therapist in Wenatchee, who had said, "I know a lot of people want to move because they don't like what's happening."

Others pushed back, with council members stating that concerns had been heard, but not always agreed with. Anne Hessburg suggested that code regulations are a separate issue, and should be assigned to the Planning Commission



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The Aug. 13 city council meeting drew a large crowd of people in support of the ordinance.

for future consideration.

"They're important things to think about, but that's not what this ordinance is about. So we need to pull it back to the reality of what we're talking about here, and not keep talking about other things. And I don't know if you're doing it consciously, but it's a tactic to create delay. So I don't think that that's a fair approach. Stay grounded in what the ordinance is about. That's the way you should address it as a councilmember," said community member Kurt

Community member Celeste Peterson expressed additional frustration at Baron's comments, adding, "We have a big crowd too, and we matter

"Right now the people I'm talking to, and there's a whole load of them, do not want this to move forward tonight. It's not that they don't want it to happen, it's that they feel that it needs more time with the public and with the people that need to be heard because they're not being heard. And I don't appreciate any kind of attack on Rona. I think that's unfair," said Council member Sharon Waters.

After a deeper discussion of listening while having differing opinions within the community and among fellow council members, the City Council proceeded to a vote. The majority was in favor, with Waters and Baron opposing.

"I've got reservations, huge ones, but I still think they are overridden by the amount of good this thing can do," said Reister.

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# Fairy tale scavenger hunt brings magic to downtown Leavenworth



Barrett, with the help of her neighbor, family, and friends, hand crafted the scenes and wrote the clues for the selfguided quest.

#### By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - Hidden amongst the Bavarian shops tourists, Enchanted Leavenworth founder Lisa Barrett recently created a tiny world of magical creatures

scavenger quest. Inspired by German fairy tales, scavenger quest players are tasked with solving a puzzle that will restore the missing magic that protects the creatures of Fairy Tale

for people to discover, and

save, through a self-guided

Trail. "There is a little bit of a nod to the history of fairy tales in Germany in the guide," said

The scavenger hunt works through a mobile-friendly digital guide and map, taking players to physical locations across downtown to find clues, earn small prizes, and receive discounts. Because it's selfguided, the scavenger hunt can be started at any time and at

any point of the trail. "It's supposed to be just kind of simple and joyful in its nature," said Barrett.



Each stop on the quest features a magical creature or world hidden amongst everyday life.

Barrett, who has a background in e-learning, came up with the idea after hosting a scavenger hunt in Enchantment Park for her five-

year-old's birthday party. "I just got this thought in my head, like, the town needs a scavenger hunt. It's such a magical town and it's so walkable, and it doesn't have anything like that. It was one of those ideas that didn't go away, and then finding myself having the creative ideas around it," said Barrett.

The scavenger hunt is designed to bring players to seven walkable locations throughout downtown. Each stop has a tiny, magical world of creatures hidden in everyday life, such as unicorns or fairy homes, that players get to discover. In those worlds, players must look for a letter of a word needed to restore magic back to Fairy Tale Trail and earn their wand.

When Barrett came up with the idea, she wanted to create more family friendly activities, but she also wanted to bring awareness to those that already exist. As players discover magical creatures,



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA Lisa Barrett created Enchanted Leavenworth, a fairy tale themed scavenger hunt in the heart of Leavenworth.

they also get to discover more activities in town.

"I tried to target places that I enjoy going with my family and thinking through, like, how you would kind of recommend family friendly stops throughout town," said Barrett.

Barrett recommends the scavenger hunt for players ages four to 14, but it can be enjoyed by everyone.

"Maybe one day, [we'll have] a kid version and an adult version, because there's the dark side of fairy tales, you know?" said Barrett.

The scavenger hunt takes about an hour to play, and can be found at enchantedleavenworth.com. As the scavenger hunt gets more traction, Barrett hopes to make changes according to the seasons, and add bonus

"I just want to keep adding to it over time and just make it more magical, more magical, and more magical. You know, it's magic. It doesn't really have a roof," said Barrett.

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#### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

# Chelan Valley's 'Summer of Love' supports elderly care

By Quinn Propst Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - The spirit of Woodstock is set to come alive once again as Chelan Valley gears up for this year's "Summer of Love" event, commemorating the 55th anniversary of the iconic Woodstock Festival.

The event is a fundraiser for the Chelan Valley Community Nurse program. CVCN is a nonprofit organization that provides free care to elderly and vulnerable people in Chelan Valley to help them stay in their homes longer.

CVCN provides in-home care, including blood pressure checks, medication, and treatment particularly education. hospital discharge, and management of chronic conditions. The program also offers referrals to physicians, community resources, and support services for both clients and their families.

The Summer of Love event is the nonprofit organization's only fundraiser during the year. The program relies on donations, grants, and this fundraiser to offer free care to elderly people in the community.

Norm Manly will once again emcee the Summer of Love

"We've been doing it for several years, and it's a fun event, and we're, you know, raising money for a good organization," Manly said.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, from 3:30 to 9 p.m. at Watson's Alpenhorn Cafe, located at 7600 South Lakeshore Road.

There will be silent auction items, door prizes, and a costume contest with several categories. At the end of the night, judges will announce the

Hamburgers, hot dogs, wine. and beer will be available for purchase. Crowd favorites Brittany Jean, The B-Side, and Waterdog will provide music.

Manly said people should come to the event not only to support CVCN but also because it is a fun event.

"We've had some really fun times," Manly said. "Usually, it starts off, everybody's just sitting down. You know, you can either bring a chair or you can have a blanket and have your wine or beer, enjoy the music. And then as the evening goes along, then people start dancing, and towards the end of the event. Man, the whole place is just dancing, having a great time."

Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate, with free entry for children under 12. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket for festival seating, but coolers are not allowed inside the park.

Tickets can be purchased at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce in Chelan or by contacting Norm Manly directly at 509-293-0225.

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#### **Rural services**

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if they couldn't make it to the Leavenworth or Cashmere market on Sunday."

Alongside Bonnie's expertise in connecting with communities and making things happen, Pete uses his years-long experience as a hotel maintenance worker to further assist older customers with tasks and repairs they wouldn't otherwise be able to perform themselves.

"When we're delivering these fresh goods, a lot of times we're standing in people's living rooms or on their front porch," Bonnie shared." "As we get to know them and see a need, particularly if they're a senior and not able to do general basic home maintenance on their own, we can offer a hand."

Though CHO began shifting its business model further toward deliveries, it still helps older customers with these important home tasks, even connecting them to local contractors if necessary.

When it comes to deliveries, CHO supplies its customers with a wide range of locally sourced food and other products, connecting local communities across Washington State without the need for large-scale commercial oversight. Seeing the need for local produce delivery, especially as farmers market season comes to a close, CHO continues to adapt its business model to focus heavily on these local deliveries.

"Linda, the owner of Green Valley Dairy, she had been doing home deliveries, but she's just gotten so busy that she needed to outsource the delivery services... and so we do that commercial delivery route weekly now for her," Phipps explained.

In expanding this major focus on deliveries, CHO continues making impactful connections with local businesses, hoping to connect rural community members to and business owners to each other across the entirety of NCW.

"We also do deliveries for bakeries. Olive Tree in Leavenworth, she always did really well at the Leavenworth market and Cashmere market, but we want to enable a connection for her customers over the Winter. So that will likely be a residential delivery," Phipps commented. "And

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then we also do more special event deliveries. So, for Sure to Rise Bakery in Cashmere, we delivered 200 cupcakes and four dozen maple bars to a wedding for them."

As well as dedicated regional delivery services, CHO also provides Cashmere locals and rural community members with important office services. At their Cashmere location, they hold a meeting space for people who work from home while also offering access to printing, office tools, and supplies. Eventually, they plan to provide remote office services like printing, cutting, and laminating documents, which can then be shipped to remote residents without access to such important resources.

Officially launching June 2024, CHO embodies a dedication to community interconnection and service. As such, it hopes to transition into a nonprofit organization, allowing it to provide its customers with constant, steady rates. Thankfully, Bonnie Phipps is already wellversed in the world of nonprofits.

"I spent my entire first career doing fundraising for nonprofit work, primarily doing grant writing and working with companies and foundations for grant support for the Pacific Northwest nonprofits," Phipps shared. "And so working in that space is comfortable for me, probably more so than the for-

With such a heavy focus on fresh local deliveries, CHO plans to rebrand in the near future from Carriage House Office to Carriage House Goods. They strive to continue their mission of connecting rural communities and businesses across the region without the added stress and exploitation of

commercial businesses. "It's a combination of marketing for the farmers and bakers," Phipps further explained their mission, "but also ensuring that these rural communities are having access to fresh food and not just going to Walmart and purchasing lots

To learn more Carriage House Office's rapidly expanding local operations, visit their website at carriagehouseoffice.com.

# Wenatchee Library's 3D Printing Workshops spark creativity and tech skills for all ages

By: WILL NILLES

Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE those looking to expand their horizons into the world of computer science, or just trying to escape the summer heat, the Wenatchee Public Library offers a monthly 3D printing workshop for participants of all skill levels. The workshop's central goal is to introduce locals to 3D design in a fun, welcoming, and creative environment.

Leading the workshop is librarian Nik Penny, a local 3Dprinting hobbyist with years of computer science experience. He leads his workshops in crafting simple, highly customizable designs like labeled containers, allowing participants to create and learn at their own pace.

Penny enjoys being able to share such a useful yet daunting skill with community members from all walks of life.

"It's really cool to give people access to something like this that is maybe a little bit intimidating or expensive to get into," Penny shared.

As well as the adult workshop, Penny instructs

a teen 3D-printing workshop each month. Though the adults certainly bring an eager attitude, he's always impressed by the passion and creativity of some of the teen participants.

"The teen one's really fun because some of the people who come are interested in engineering," Penny said with a smile. "So that's pretty cool to see people who are wanting to get exposure to this, and we're able to provide it, you know? Then they go on to become professionals who know more than me," he chuckled.

Occasionally, participants take their ideas from the workshop and continue to build on them at home, letting the versatile nature of 3D printing inspire them.

"After coming here and using this software, they made replacement parts for their aero garden. Someone else made a replacement part for an artificial Christmas tree," Penny commented, mentioning a couple of projects that stood out to him. "They did the workshop and learned to use the software, and then went home and made it."

Other participants simply

want to learn about something new while enjoying the company of friends and neighbors. Local sisters Manoah and Lenae Winter attended the event with no prior experience in 3D printing.

"My sister invited me, and I thought I should do things in the community and utilize what we spend our property taxes on." Manoah said, happy to take advantage of the local library's many engaging resources.

"I'm not really interested in 3D printing, but I'd try another workshop after that." Lenae shared. "Yeah," Manoah agreed. "I

feel like I got just enough of the basics that I could actually maybe do something [on my own] now."

After finishing their projects and choosing from a selection of vibrant 3D filament colors, each participant waits for two to three weeks while librarian Penny prints out every design. Leaving Wenatchee Public Library with useful knowledge and a smile on their faces, workshop participants receive the full benefits of the NCW Libraries experience.

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Wenatchee Librarian Nik Penny helps workshop participants orient themselves within 3D design software.

## **Master Gardener Foundation launches brick** fundraiser to support local education programs

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WENATCHEE — The Master Gardener Foundation of Chelan-Douglas Counties has relaunched its "Buy a Garden Brick" fundraiser to support local gardening education programs projects.

The foundation, which financially supports the WSU Chelan/Douglas County Master

Gardener Program, is offering personalized engraved bricks for \$100 each. These bricks will be placed in the Deer Resistant Garden patio area at the Community Education Garden in Wenatchee.

The Master Gardener Program, with more than 100 volunteers, provides year-round educational opportunities at the Community Education Garden and other locations throughout Chelan and Douglas counties.

The program hosts "Third Saturday in the Garden" events from March through October, offering seasonal gardening education. Volunteers also staff a Plant and Insect Clinic at the WSU Extension office in Wenatchee during the same

months. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the WSU Master Gardeners' efforts to provide research-based solutions for horticulture and

environmental stewardship, including food production, to local communities.

The Master Gardener Foundation of Chelan-Douglas Counties is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization, making donations taxdeductible as allowed by law.

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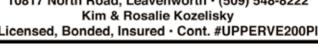
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the City of Leavenworth, WA,

adopting residential condominium regulations in LMC Title 17 Subdivisions, and associated amendments to LMC 18.25.030 District Use Chart, LMC 18.30.010 Dimensional Standards and LMC 14.14.085 Required Connections. A full copy of these ordinances is available at Leavenworth City Hall

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Kay Jones City Clerk-Treasurer CITY OF CASHMERE

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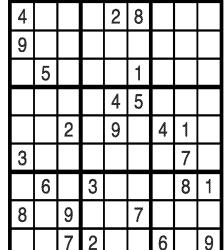
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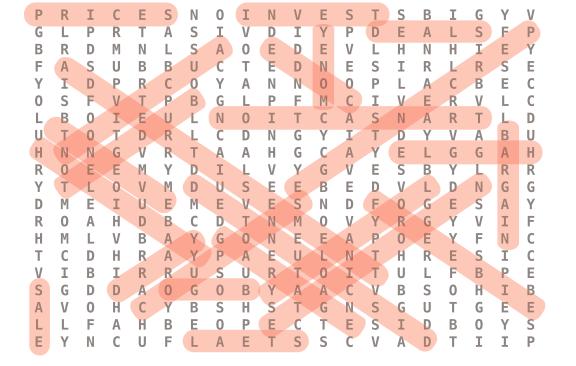
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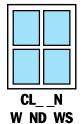
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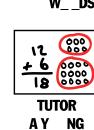
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Fill in the missing vowels to discover some ideas for types of businesses YOU can start this summer!





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#### What's an entrepreneur?

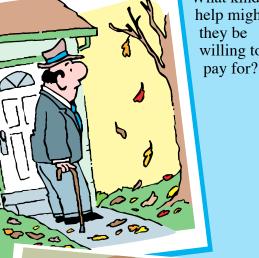
An **entrepreneur** (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who sees a way to earn some money by solving a particular problem.

For example, lots of kids have learned that thirsty people on hot days will pay for a cold glass of lemonade.

#### **Entrepreneurial Thinking**

Can you see the job opportunity in each of these pictures? Look at each picture. What problems do







that entrepreneurs are people who use resources to produce innovative goods and services they hope people will buy.

Scoop Puzzier

Standards Link: Number Sense: Addition and subtraction to 40.

## Who wants to make money?

One way to make money is to get a job. But that is not possible for everyone. Often times kids can't get jobs because they are too young.

But that hasn't stopped kids around the world from finding clever ways of earning some cash. Some kids, like Jason, turn doing something they love into a way of earning money.

Look at each of the following pictures. Write down ways a business you could start might be able to help.

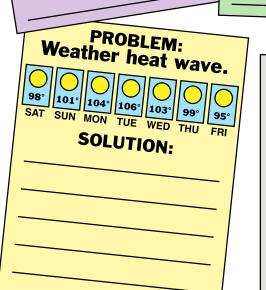


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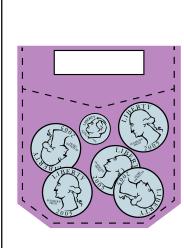
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Look through the newspaper and make a list of all the businesses mentioned. Group these businesses into groups such as restaurants, stores, manufacturers. etc. Put each list into alphabetical order.

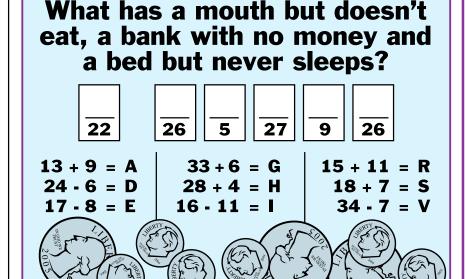
Standards Link: Research: Organize information from research into categories.



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Find the words in the puzzle.

How many of them can you

find on this page?

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



This week's word: **OPPORTUNITY** 

The noun **opportunity** means <sup>l</sup> a chance, especially one that offers some kind of reward.

Taylor got the **opportunity** to see his name in print when his essay was published in the newspaper.

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



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