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By **WILL NILLES**
Ward Media Staff Reporter



COURTESY OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NCW
The major regions involved in the first round of the Legacy Funds Grant Program's application process.

WENATCHEE – Community Foundation NCW (CFNCW) introduced a new grant program aimed at putting money back into the hands of 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 community needs.

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 com-

munities 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 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

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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 education, particularly after 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 event.

“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 Alphenhorn 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 winners. 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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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 its 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



COURTESY OF DUSTY BARKER

Award-winning country star, Easton Corbin, is set to play as the Chelan County Fair’s headliner performance on September 6, shedding the spotlight on small-town Cashmere.

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

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Vietnam Veterans honored with Quilts of Valor in heartfelt ceremony

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COURTESY OF QUILT OF VALOR
Vietnam War veterans Larry and Kathy Seureau (left and center) proudly display their Quilts of Valor and certificates alongside Tracy Shaw (right) of the local Quilts of Valor group. The colorful, patriotic quilts drape the shoulders of the Seureaus, who were honored for their military service in a heartfelt ceremony.

CHELAN – In a ceremony held Thursday, two Vietnam War veterans were honored with Quilts of Valor, recognizing their service and sacrifices decades after their return home.

Kathy and Larry Seureau, both distinguished military veterans, received handcrafted quilts from the Lake Chelan Quilts of Valor group, a local chapter of the national Quilts of Valor Foundation.

The presentation took place as part of an ongoing effort to acknowledge the contributions of Vietnam-era veterans.

Tracy Shaw, representing the local Quilts of Valor group, presided over the event. “Today we honor you for your service, for leaving all you held dear to stand in harm’s way in a time of crisis,” Shaw said, addressing the

Seureaus.

Kathy Seureau, who retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Nurse Corps, served two tours in Korea and one in Vietnam. Her husband, Larry Seureau, a Master Sergeant with a background in field artillery and computer science, completed multiple tours, including two in Vietnam.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation, established in 2003, has awarded over 392,000 quilts nationwide.

The organization boasts 620 groups across the country with more than 11,000 members. Washington state alone has 24 groups with over 500 members, who awarded more than 1,000 quilts last year.

In addition to the quilts, the veterans received Vietnam Veteran lapel pins, designed by the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. These pins serve as lasting

mementos of the nation’s gratitude.

The ceremony highlighted the unique challenges faced by Vietnam veterans upon their return. “Unlike veterans of today who are welcomed home, the Vietnam veterans returned home to a nation in turmoil and the vast majority received no recognition for their service or welcome home ceremonies,” Shaw noted.

As the quilts were presented, Shaw emphasized their significance: “These quilts are meant to comfort. We hope that you will keep these quilts with you as a tangible reminder that no matter where you served, you have never been forgotten.”

The Lake Chelan Quilts of Valor group, formed in April 2023, is part of a larger movement to ensure that veterans, particularly those from the Vietnam era, receive the recognition and appreciation they deserve.

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Wine Cocktails and Lasagna at The Cove

The Cove Wine and Games in Manson will host Wine cocktails and Lasagna from August 23 to 25 from 1 to 10 p.m.

"Join us Friday-Sunday at The Cove for our special featured wine cocktail of the month and delicious lasagna from Lago Pasta," the event page states.

For more information, visit insidethecove.com.

Ciders Around the World at Endless Orchard

Endless Orchard Hard Pressed Cider in Chelan will host Ciders Around the World on Friday, August 23, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Ready for a cider adventure? Join us at Endless Orchard as we take you on a

flavorful journey around the globe," the event page states. "We're bringing you hard ciders from France, the UK, Spain, and Canada - all in one place."

For more information, visit endlessorchardcider.com.

Grand Reopening Party at The Lodge Lake Chelan

The Lodge Lake Chelan (formerly Manson Bay Suites) will hold a Grand Reopening Party on Saturday, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Join us in celebrating our new name, enhanced amenities, and the vibrant local community that makes this place special," the event page states.

"This family-friendly event offers something for everyone."

For more information, visit mansonbay-suites.com.

Live music by the Corban Welter Band

Chelan Ridge Winery in Manson will host live music by the Corban Welter Band on Saturday, August 24, from 4 to 7 p.m.

"Join us for live music by Corban Welter Band," the event page states.

"Sip wine, and enjoy our made-to-order wood-fire artisan pizzas, charcuterie boards, and salads. Bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon at Chelan Ridge Winery."

For more information, visit chelanridgewinery.com.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Harvest Kick Off Party

Fielding Hills Winery in Chelan will host a Harvest Kickoff Party on Saturday, August 24, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"In 2000, our first harvest, we humbly processed 5 tons of fruit... fast forward twenty-five years, we are expecting to pick nearly 80 tons of fruit in 2024,"

the event page states.

"Before fruit arrives at our facility, we are taking a moment with our team, members, and long-time supporters to say "Thank You" for the past twenty-five years."

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit fieldinghills.com.

The dilemma of civil discourse

In an era marked by polarization and heated rhetoric, the notion of civil 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 the

cost of necessary confrontation? Are there moments when 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.

In 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 difficult conversations 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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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 with the Community 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 non-profits 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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Peoples Bank launches \$35,000 Impact Grant Program for non-profits

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BELLINGHAM - Peoples Bank has opened applications for its annual Impact Grant program, offering a total of \$35,000 in funding to local non-profit organizations.

The program includes a primary grant of \$25,000 for a specific project or identified purpose, along with an additional \$10,000 grant to be awarded based on a public vote.

Applications for the grants are being accepted through

August 31, with winners to be announced in September. The bank said it will give preference to non-profits serving low to moderate income areas within its operating communities.

"Effecting important change within our communities is an integral part of our mission. The Impact Grant project serves to unify our team and neighborhoods behind a common goal. I look forward to meeting with our selection committee each year and discussing the meaningful changes that are being made

throughout our footprint," said Charles LeCocq, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board at Peoples Bank.

The Bellingham-based financial institution, with \$2.6 billion in assets, operates 23 locations throughout Washington state. Peoples Bank said the grant application process is designed to be accessible to non-profits of all sizes.

Interested organizations can find application details and information about previous recipients at the bank's website at <https://www.peoplesbank-wa.com/impact-grant/>.

Easton Corbin

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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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Manson Legion reschedules Veterans Bbq, VFW plans Stand Down event

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MANSON – The Manson American Legion has rescheduled its annual Veterans BBQ for Saturday, September 14, due to scheduling conflicts.

The event will take place at

Chelan Falls Park from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Veterans and their families are invited to attend the old-fashioned barbecue.

The Legion will provide burgers, bratwurst, and side dishes. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert

to share. The gathering will feature games and opportunities for veterans to share stories. Norm Manly, the event organizer, can be reached at 509-293-0225 for additional information.

In a separate event, the Lake Chelan VFW will host a Stand

Down for Veterans event on Saturday, September 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at their headquarters at 427 South Bradley Street in Chelan.

The Legion urges community members to spread the word about these events to veterans in their networks.

Shuttle service connects NCW Cougar fans to WSU football

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WENATCHEE – Washington State University football fans in the Wenatchee area now have a new transportation option for attending home games in Pullman this season.

Wenatchee Valley Shuttle has announced a bus service for WSU alumni and supporters, offering round-trip transportation to all Cougar home games.

The service, priced at \$85 per round trip, aims to provide a convenient alternative for fans traveling to Martin Stadium.

Buses will depart from the Wenatchee Train Station five hours before kickoff and load up for the return trip 30 minutes after the game concludes.

For the season opener

against Portland State on August 31, with a noon kickoff, the bus will leave Wenatchee at 7 a.m., arriving in Pullman at 11 a.m. The return trip is expected to reach Wenatchee around 8 p.m.

Reservations can be made through the company's website, www.wenatcheevalleyshuttle.com.

Wenatchee Valley Shuttle representatives are available at 509-293-5773 for general questions about the service. Football tickets are not included in the transportation fee and must be purchased separately through the WSU ticket office at 1-800-GO-Cougs.

This new service provides an option for fans to avoid the challenges of long-distance driving and parking at WSU home games, potentially increasing attendance from the Wenatchee area.

Community Bulletin Board

Local, Regional Community News & Events

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Meetings

Monday

American Legion #108: First Monday, 7 p.m., Manson Parks & Recreation Building, 142 Pedio St. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program: Third Monday, 6 p.m., Manson Grange Building, youth 5th-8th grade. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Family and friends Support Group: Third Monday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620

Tuesday

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group: Second Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

Lake Chelan Health Hospital board meeting: Fourth Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., board room at Lake Chelan Health, 110 S. Apple Blossom Drive, in person or via the internet. Agenda, login information: lakechelanhealth.org

Manson Grange: Fourth Tuesday, 5 p.m., Manson Grange Hall on Wapato Way. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Wednesday

Chelan Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners: Third Wednesday, 3 p.m., Station #71, 232 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan. Meetings are in person and are held via ZOOM you can follow the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87284665516>. Meeting ID: 872 8466 5516 or dial +1 253 215 8782/ Contact: Misty Fifield, Administrative Assistant, 509-682-4476. Agenda at chelan7.com

Death Cafe Chelan: Third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Chelan Public Library, 216 N. Emerson Street. Contact: Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.

Thursday

Lake Chelan Lions Club: First and Third Thursdays, 9 a.m., Manson Parks Building, 142 Pedio St.

Chelan Valley Republican Women: Second Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Radiance Winery, 71 Wapato Way, Manson. Guests, non-members, men welcome. Food, wine, bev-

erages available for purchase. Arrive early so you have time to order. More info: Pam James, club president, 425-343-2911.

Family Caregivers/Support Group: Third Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker Board Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.

Saturday

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts, Every Saturday, 9-11 a.m., 427 S. Bradley Street, donuts, coffee and conversation.

Other Events

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, August 21, 12 p.m.-5 p.m., Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, corner of Johnson Avenue and Emerson, Chelan. For an appointment: www.redcross-blood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS / 1-800-733-2767.

Summer of Love Fundraiser: Fun fundraiser for Chelan Valley Community Nurse program, Saturday, August 24, 3:30-9 p.m. at Watson's Alpenhorn Cafe (7600 South Lakeshore Road). Tickets: \$25 in advance. \$30 at the gate. Kids under 12 are free. Food and beverages are available for purchase. There will be festival seating so bring a chair or blanket. No coolers inside the park. Pick up tickets at Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce in Chelan or Norm Manly at 509-293-0225.

Free Blood Pressure Checks: Chelan Valley Community Nurse program provide free, weekly blood pressure checks to the public 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Chelan Senior Center, 534 E. Trow Avenue, Chelan. For info: Catharine at 509-679-9059, email: chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com.

Chelan Evening Farmers Market: Chelan Farmers Market Thursdays, 2-6 p.m., at Riverwalk Park, corner of Wapato Avenue and Emerson Street. Enjoy 25-60 local vendors. Become a member or sign up for their newsletter chelanfarmersmarket.org. Runs through October 31.

SAIL Exercise Classes: SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) fitness classes are offered at Chelan Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday, 1:15 p.m. Evening SAIL classes are Monday and Thursday evenings, 5:30

p.m., Chelan Senior Center. SAIL classes are offered to residents of Heritage Heights Assisted Living on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

Chelan Valley Hope: As the new school year approaches, Chelan Valley Hope is here to support you every step of the way. Whether you need assistance with school supplies, access to resources, or just a friendly face, we're ready to help. Visit Chelan Valley Hope at 417 S. Bradley Street Monday through Thursday 9AM-3PM (closed Noon to 1PM). Hope provides services at no cost to individuals and families. Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Or visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest Hope news and updates @Chelan-ValleyHope.

Chelan Senior Meals: Served at Chelan Senior Center, 534 E. Trow Avenue, Monday-Friday. Suggested donation for seniors over age 60 is \$5. Fee for persons under age 60 is \$12. Call 509-888-4440 to reserve meals 24 hours in advance. For information about Home Delivered Meals call 509-470-0522. Visit their website at www.octn.org. Follow them on Facebook.

Chelan Museum: The Chelan Museum on Woodin Avenue is open Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For information: 509-682-5644, or chelanmuseum.com

Household hazardous waste drop off: Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility on Highway 97A in Wenatchee. Open the first Saturday of the month, 9

a.m.-4 p.m. Open Tuesday through Friday at the same hours. Free service to Chelan County residents. For the list of items that the facility does, and does not accept, go to <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>

Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History & Art Gallery: Open to the public Wednesday- Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., April to October. Located at 21285 Highway 97A, Chelan, north of the Knapp's Hill Tunnel, approximately 10 minutes south of Chelan.

Miller's Auto Museum: Open Thursday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Entrance by donation only. Located at 20 Blue Water Lane in Chelan, off Hwy. 150 on the road to Chelan Falls. For more info: 509-679-9389

Glass Recycle: The Lake Chelan Rotary glass crusher, Paulie the Pulverizer was heavily damaged in a fire in July. No glass is being collected at this time. For updates go to 911glassrescue.org

Food Bank food distribution: Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway Saturday and Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m. Drive through distribution at 417 S. Bradley Street. Families are limited to one box per week. Information: lakechelanfoodbank.org Non perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 Apple Blossom Drive, Suite 109 (Chelan Business Center).

Death Announcements

Elsie Schempp

Elsie Schempp, 98, of Chelan, Washington passed away on August 7, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Connie Buchanan-Farrar (Kraemer)

December 9, 1953 - July 12, 2024
Born in Denver, CO. Moved to Chelan in June 1976. Celebration of life will be held on Saturday September 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Chelan Riverwalk Park Pavilion.

Obituary announcements

Michal "Mike" Elavsky

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Michal, our loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, devoted uncle, great-uncle, stepfather, and friend to all whose lives he touched Michal left us peacefully at his residence in Chelan, WA in his 101st year.

Born in Minneapolis, to Mike Elavsky and Mary (Profant) Elavsky, both of Akeley, Minnesota, and both of whom had come to the US via Ellis Island from Czechoslovakia. Mike was raised on the Elavsky-Profant homestead in Hubbard County, MN. Family history has always been of interest to Mike, and he visited the Slovak village of his parents and kept in touch with the family up to the present.

Mike embraced several roles during his long life; in 1942, he joined the Navy Sea Beas and spent WWII in the Pacific, in the Mariana Islands of Saipan and Tianjin, among others, where he was ground support for B-29 Transports during 1943-44 bombing of Tokyo. After the war, he and his wife bought a dairy farm in Hubbard County, MN. He married Lorraine L. Sloan in 1942 and has two surviving children, Marlys (Elavsky) Appleton of Riverdale, NY, and Gregory W. Elavsky (Sharon) of Kalispell MT. Mike also leaves many beloved nieces, nephews, and a great nephew in Minnesota. His six siblings preceded him in death, and his son Michael Elavsky (2020) and daughter Cheri Elavsky (2021).

His first marriage ended in divorce. In 1956, he married Mae D. Brown (d. 1993). In 1995, Mike married Doris Strandberg (d. 2010). They led an active life filled with hunting, fishing, family,

and traveling, including regular visits to MN and a trip to the Holy Land Israel, Egypt, and Jordan.

In the early sixties, Mike transitioned to teaching/coaching middle school students, and, after acquiring a master's in education, was a high school principal. Teaching wasn't the calling that agriculture was, however, and he soon acquired apple trees in Okanagan and cherry acreage in Wenatchee Heights. Mike was a successful orchardist for more than 50 years. He retired to Chelan in 1994, where he continued to fish, hunt, and enjoy life, bagging several elk in western states and enjoying hunting trips in MN. Mike was known for his multiple practical talents in many areas as a member of the Greatest Generation, but especially for his accepting and humble nature. He valued friendship, his family, and enjoyed history, and current events. As a lifelong learner, histories of the US Presidents, the Civil War, and WWII were part of his library. He was interested in others' opinions and always had a modern and flexible worldview. His decades-long friendships gave him great joy throughout his life. Faith was a part of his everyday life. He lived his faith as a practical matter through his empathy, care, and kinship with others.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, 2:00 p.m., at Chelan Senior Center, 534 E. Trow Ave, Chelan, WA. He will be laid to rest in Akeley, MN. In place of flowers, contributions may be made to Chelan Valley Hope. Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.



Michal "Mike" Elavsky

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POINT OF VIEW

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

Much 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 burn.



SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

If we can't knock down these fires quickly, they just grow and grow and the collateral damage accumulates. A swift attack is key to keeping us safe, preserving air quality, preventing large-scale damage, and sustaining tourism.

The state has enhanced its air resources and has 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.

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 underbrush, creating 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.

Washington auto shops get state funds for safer degreasers

Ward Media
Lake Chelan Mirror

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 of 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.

The reimbursement amounts are tiered based on the safety and environmental impact of the alternative products.

Water-based 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.

The Department of 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 webpage.

Social Security expands fast-track list for severe disability claims

Ward Media
Lake Chelan Mirror

WASHINGTON, DC – The Social Security Administration has expanded its list of medical conditions that qualify for expedited disability benefits, adding nine new conditions and revising two existing ones.

Commissioner Martin O'Malley announced that the agency's Compassionate Allowances program now includes 287 conditions that automatically qualify applicants for disability benefits based on a confirmed diagnosis.

The newly added conditions include Bainbridge-Ropers Syndrome, Costello Syndrome, and Renal Medullary Carcinoma. The list also now covers adults

on heart transplant wait lists at status levels 1-4, expanding on an existing provision for children awaiting heart transplants.

"I am steadfastly committed to reducing the amount of time people wait to receive a decision on their disability claim, and we are making progress," O'Malley said in a statement.

The Compassionate Allowances program, launched in 2008, aims to quickly identify claims where an applicant's condition clearly meets the statutory standard for disability. This fast-track process has approved benefits for over one million people with severe disabilities to date.

The Social Security Administration uses advanced technol-

ogy to identify potential Compassionate Allowances cases and expedite decisions. The agency also employs electronic health records to speed up the review of medical information.

Disability advocates have long pushed for faster processing of claims, as traditional applications can take months or even years to be approved. The expansion of the Compassionate Allowances list is seen as a step toward addressing these concerns.

Individuals can apply for disability benefits online through the Social Security Administration's website.

The agency encourages applicants to provide as much medical documentation as possible to support their claims.

Chelan County Sheriff Report

August 9

- 5:01:56 Animal Problem, 121 Furey Ave, Manson
- 8:21:32 Juvenile Proble, 119 Madisen Ln.
- 11:34:16 Suspicious, 4249 Apple Acres Rd
- 12:26:51 Accident Injury, oblk Crystal Dr
- 14:29:42 Parking/Abandon, 2216 W High St
- 15:25:04 Disturbance, 3519 Sr 150, Lake Chelan
- 17:42:40 Theft, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 18:07:19 Disturbance, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 18:20:33 Domestic Distur, 2905 Katya Ln, Chelan
- 19:00:16 Accident Injury, W Manson Rd & N Cedar St
- 20:26:33 911, 110 S Apple Blossom Dr.
- 21:00:46 Accident Unk, Entiat River Rd Mp 6, Entiat
- 21:10:12 Disturbance, 485 W Manson Rd; Don Morse

August 10

- 3:11:21 Animal Problem, 90 Quetil-quasoon Rd, Manson
- 7:35:58 Assist Public, 104 Eldorado Way
- 8:56:01 Accident Unk, 226 Manson View Dr, Manson
- 10:42:42 Suspicious, 1071 Sunny Brooke Ln
- 11:48:04 Parking/Abandon, 400blk First Creek Rd
- 12:04:03 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 97a & S Apple Blossom
- 12:12:28 Burglary, 875 Washington Creek Rd
- 12:16:47 Parking/Abandon, 2207 W Woodin Ave; Alley
- 13:17:53 Disturbance, 127 Sr 150
- 14:07:30 Trespass, 201 E Woodin Ave; Lush Life
- 14:16:47 Scam, 411 E Highland Ave
- 16:33:13 Trespass, 422 S Navarre St
- 16:43:57 Trespass, 2423 W Woodin Ave
- 16:35:49 Accident Injury, 5000 Wapato Lake Rd
- 16:37:00 Accident Injury, 525 Lower Joe Creek Rd, Manson
- 18:05:11 Burglary, 1795 Summit Blvd, Manson
- 18:59:46 Marine, 135 E Farnham Ave
- 19:20:38 Trespass, 222 Mystic Creek Ln
- 20:15:13 Traffic Offense, Sr 150 Mp 6.
- 20:36:44 Noise, 1400blk Washington St, Manson
- 21:16:59 Marine, 104 Spader Bay Rd
- 23:52:41 Disturbance, 112 E Woodin Ave; Senior Frogs

August 11

- 0:15:56 Trespass, 316 N Navarre St
- 3:39:02 Traffic Offense, 100blk W Manson Rd
- 5:58:32 Alarm, 302 E Woodin Ave; Chelan F
- 10:06:17 Missing Person, 1 Wapato Point Pkwy# 1605 Manson
- 10:09:20 Assist Public, 322 W Woodin Ave# 722.
- 12:11:10 Theft, 201 E Woodin Ave; Lush Life
- 15:24:25 Property, Chelan.
- 15:35:58 Accident No Inj, 323 W Manson Rd; Lakeview Ch
- 16:41:20 Civil, 712 E Wapato Ave Unit 2

- 17:28:59 Traffic Offense, 700blk W Manson Rd
- 18:00:38 Civil, 418 E Woodin Ave
- 18:40:43 Burglary, 900 Willmorth Dr, Chelan, 2
- 18:42:17 Harass/Threat, 712 E Wapato Ave# 2, Chel Ch
- 19:16:10 Noise, 2230 W Terrace Ave; Lakes! Ch
- 20:27:53 Natural Disaste, Stehekin; Area, Stehekin, 3fs
- 21:53:00 Traffic Offense, 1500blk Sr 150; Towards Ma Ma
- 21:56:08 Diversion, Sr 150 & Willmorth Dr, Che 2
- 23:43:59 911, 425 W Webster Ave, Chelan, Ch

August 12

- 0:43:48 Noise, 427 W Webster Ave
- 6:35:07 Alarm, 532 Village Dr, Manson.
- 9:00:53 Marine, Old Chelan Bridge
- 9:22:18 Parking/Abandon, 304 E Wapato Ave; Debs Del
- 9:30:55 Scam, 17923 Wilderness Rd, Entiat
- 9:58:08 Parking/Abandon, 400blk E Woodin Ave
- 10:05:49 Parking/Abandon, 422 S Navarre St; Chelan B
- 10:25:56 Parking/Abandon, 422 S Navarre St; Chelan B
- 10:29:08 Civil, 3053 Katya Ln
- 12:56:57 Property, Chelan
- 14:01:59 Court Order Vio, 142 Walnut St, Chelan Falls
- 14:36:35 Civil, 402 W Manson Rd; The Lake
- 14:45:40 Theft, 455 Wapato Lake Rd; 12 Tribes
- 15:23:20 Suspicious, 317 Quatas St, Manson.
- 16:20:59 Civil, 450 Boyd Loop Rd
- 18:18:33 Theft, 106 W Manson Rd; Safeway
- 18:19:49 Accident No Inj, McLaren Ave & Pedoi St, Manson
- 18:50:19 Property, 200blk W Manson Rd
- 19:24:30 Fraud/Forgery, 455 Wapato Lake Rd; 12 Tribes
- 20:19:24 Welfare Check, Dan Gordon Bridge
- 21:42:00 Welfare Check, 142 Walnut St, Chelan Falls
- 23:45:07 Dui, Three Fingers, Chelan

August 13

- 10:16:05 Parking/Abandon, 14449 Us Hwy 97a; Stormin
- 13:25:43 Theft, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 14:15:25 Miscellaneous, 418 W Woodin Ave
- 14:26:36 Civil, 35 Paramount Ridge Ln, Manson
- 15:42:46 Burglary, 316 E Okanogan Ave
- 15:48:05 Property, 2394 Entiat Way, Entiat N



- 16:00:33 Sex Offense, 14468 Olin St, Entiat
- 16:52:29 Traffic Offense, Sr 150 Mp 7
- 17:51:21 Welfare Check, 2213 W Woodin Ave
- 18:37:12 Parking/Abandon, 116 E Chelan Ave
- 19:53:33 Warrant, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 21:41:22 Noise, Lakeside.
- 22:08:54 Assault, 409 W Manson Rd; Lakeshore Church

August 14

- 10:05:08 Assist Public, 2117 Lakeshore Dr; Entiat
- 10:41:41 Accident No Inj, 209 E Woodin Ave; Lake Chelan
- 12:26:31 Parking/Abandon, 792 N Bradley St.
- 13:47:07 Accident No Inj, 103 N Park St
- 18:54:25 Traffic Offense, 109 E Wapato Ave; Riverwalk
- 19:38:19 Theft, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 20:52:22 Alarm, 14419 Us Hwy 97a, Entiat

August 15

- 4:30:47 Extra Patrol, 267 Dream View Ln; Area, C
- 8:09:23 Parking/Abandon, 5441 Entiat River Rd; Entiat
- 8:51:21 Theft, 619 W Manson Rd# Ofc
- 9:58:50 Suspicious, 102 Bogey Blvd
- 10:55:36 Trespass, 53 S Lakeshore Rd; Pat & M
- 11:50:08 Vehicle Theft, 76 Wapato Lake Rd; Fuel St
- 12:23:18 Malicious Misch, 14941 Golden Delicious St
- 12:24:09 Parking/Abandon, 221 E Woodin Ave# B
- 13:50:54 Traffic Offense, 323 W Manson Rd; Lakeview
- 14:02:50 Accident No Inj, 8820 Entiat River Rd, Ent!At
- 15:47:51 Trespass, 2021 Entiat Way; Park & Ride
- 18:32:28 Marine, 20190 S Lakeshore Rd
- 19:00:19 Parking/Abandon, 270 Upper Joe Creek Rd
- 19:42:19 Parking/Abandon, Boyd Rd & Nora Ln
- 20:30:20 Trespass, 100blk Chelan Butte Rd
- 21:19:51 Accident Unk, 209 W Okanogan Ave
- 22:28:36 Welfare Check, 122 S Emerson St; Local My

Wenatchee Valley DRC unveils nominees for first-ever Peacebuilder Award

Ward Media
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WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center (WVDRC) has announced eight nominees for its inaugural Community Peacebuilder Award, recognizing individuals and organizations committed to fostering peace in Chelan and Douglas counties.

The nominees, submitted by community members, represent a diverse cross-section of local leadership and institutions. They include:

- Bob Mark – Upper Valley MEND
- Brad Hawkins – 12th Legislative District Senator

- Claudia Bovee – NCW Libraries
- Dalia Hernandez – Pinnacles Prep Charter School
- Deb Miller – Action Health Partners
- Debbie Sperry – First United Methodist Church
- Indigenous Roots and Reparation Foundation
- Laurie Peek – Upper Valley MEND

The WVDRC, a nonprofit organization dedicated to peaceful conflict resolution, will announce the award recipient at its Annual Celebration on September 3. The event, to be held at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center, will also honor Lynn Yialelis, the center's founding director.

The Community Peacebuilder Award aims to recognize efforts that align with WVDRC's mission of promoting peaceful conflict resolution in the Wenatchee Valley area.

WVDRC officials encourage community members to attend the celebration. Ticket information is available on the organization's website at <https://www.wvdr.org/events>.

The center, which serves Chelan and Douglas counties, provides mediation services, conflict resolution training, and community education through a team of volunteer mediators.

For more information, contact: Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center, (509) 888-0957.

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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 Plan-

ning 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.

Baron again brought 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



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

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 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 Peterson.

Community member Celeste Peterson expressed additional frustration at Baron’s comments, adding, “We have a big crowd too, and we matter too.”

“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

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Hidden amongst the Bavarian shops and tourists, Enchanted Leavenworth founder Lisa Barrett recently created a tiny world of magical creatures for people to discover, and save, through a self-guided 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 Trail.

“There is a little bit of a nod to the history of fairy tales in Germany in the guide,” said Barrett.

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 self-guided, 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.

Barrett, who has a background in e-learning, came up with the idea after hosting a



Lisa Barrett created Enchanted Leavenworth, a fairy tale themed scavenger hunt in the heart of Leavenworth.

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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, 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 stops.

“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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Barrett, with the help of her neighbor, family, and friends, hand crafted the scenes and wrote the clues for the self-guided quest.

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 and 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 tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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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 cuddle."

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.

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 faces.

"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 Record, she touched on what inspires her passion for caring for and

learning about so many different creatures.

"Overall, my favorite part of 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



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Anna and Eric Gullickson stand proudly in front of their mission statement, dedicated to their mission of helping the entire planet through sustainable living.

spread their voices, teaching the next generation of Washingtonians the 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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Little Squidward soaks up the mud behind his big friend, Beni, snorting with deep satisfaction.

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

flood insurance policies.

Deanna Walter, Community Development director, 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.

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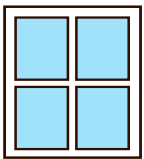
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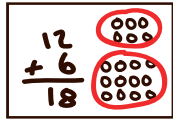
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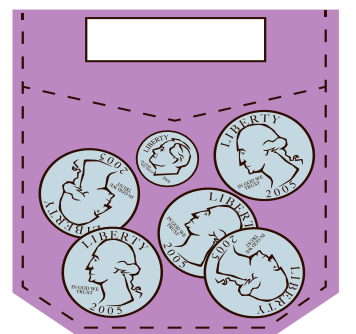
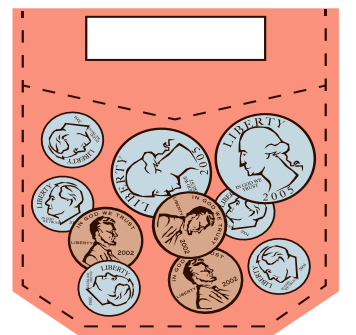
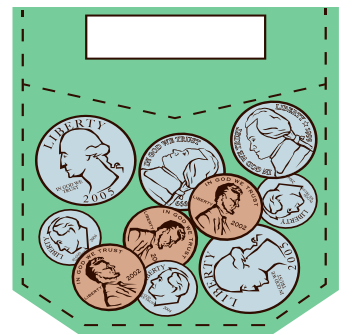
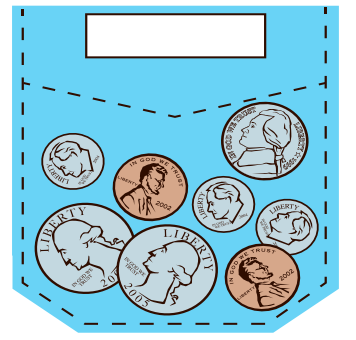
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What's an entrepreneur?

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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 you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?



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Standards Link: Economics: Students know that entrepreneurs are people who use resources to produce innovative goods and services they hope people will buy.

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.

PROBLEM: Litter around the neighborhood.

SOLUTION:

PROBLEM: Neighbor who works all day has new kitten.

SOLUTION:

PROBLEM: Weather heat wave.

98°	101°	104°	106°	103°	99°	95°
SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

SOLUTION:

Extra! Extra!

Business Search

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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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle.

What has a mouth but doesn't eat, a bank with no money and a bed but never sleeps?

22	26	5	27	9	26
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13 + 9 = A	33 + 6 = G	15 + 11 = R
24 - 6 = D	28 + 4 = H	18 + 7 = S
17 - 8 = E	16 - 11 = I	34 - 7 = V



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

Double Double Word Search

- PARTICULAR
- LEMONADE
- SOLUTION
- BUSINESS
- THINKING
- PROBLEM
- IDEAS
- START
- OFTEN
- JOBS
- CASH
- HELP
- MAKE
- BANK

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

R A L U C I T R A P
G B E M E L B O R P
N U N T D H E L P R
I S T R A T S E P M
K I I M N B R A A O
N N D E O N A K C F
I E E J M N E N E T
H S A U E R S Y K E
T S S O L U T I O N

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: OPPORTUNITY
The noun **opportunity** means 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.

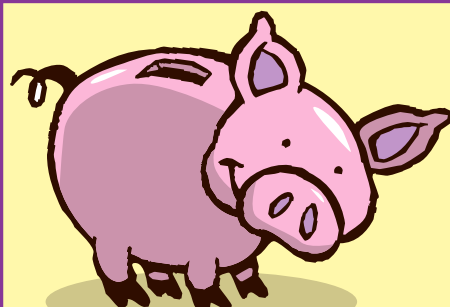
Try to use **opportunity** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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Round It

Look through the newspaper for five prices under \$100. Round each one to the nearest dollar. Then look for five prices over \$100 and round them to the nearest dollar. Have a parent or friend check your work.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Round to the nearest dollar.



Why is an empty piggy bank always the same?

ANSWER: There's never any change in it.

Write On!

What's the Difference?

What is the difference between a "want" and a "need"? Give an example of each.

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