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Boulder Bend Glassworks demonstrates art at 2,000 degrees

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Tucked along US-2 in Peshastin, Boulder Bend Glassworks welcomes passersby to stop in and witness art being carefully crafted at over 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

“We want them to kind of have an appreciation for how things are made and that it takes a lot of equipment, it takes a lot of time and dedication and skill to make things. It’s a unique situation to be able to invite people in and hopefully educate them about this craft,” said Delvo.

Boulder Bend Glassworks is owned and operated by Jori Delvo and Craig Sorensen, who work as a team to create intricate, glass-blown artwork.

After building out their space over the course of ten years, the two opened the studio in 2020. The duo works together to create anything from simple ornaments to complex murrine mosaics and cane work.

The two must work swiftly and harmoniously on each piece to ensure the molten glass is warped at the right time and temperature. Careful consideration must be given to how different colors will affect viscosity or how cooling too fast may ruin the work.

“Every step is critical. An analogy



Craig Sorensen and Jori Delvo create handmade glass in their high-tech customized studio along US-2.

I frequently use is, you can think how complex an airplane is, right? We have Boeing in our backyard, but they can go back years later and fix a part to make it work. We don’t get to do that in glass. If we mess up at the beginning as an artist, we’re always going to see that,” said Delvo.

In glassblowing, making something as small as an ornament may take minutes, but learning how to do it well can take a lifetime.

“As an industry like we like to say, that takes us, you know, 30 years, plus 10 minutes,” said Delvo.

Sorensen started his glassblowing journey back in college, during his first quarter as a chemistry student. He took a class on laboratory glassblowing and was hooked. He later moved on to glassblowing for art and never stopped.

“I enjoy making things, and I enjoy making things that are challenging,” said Sorensen.

Sorensen went on to study at The Studio at the Corning Museum of Glass, Kurashiki University of Science and Art in Japan, and California State University Fresno.

“There’s nobody who has completely mastered glass in all aspects. There are definitely people who are extremely talented with certain things, and for me, myself, I want to learn as much as possible,” said Sorensen.

Delvo, who has a background in business, came to glassblowing more recently. After owning a German restaurant in Leavenworth for over a decade, Delvo learned how to build the glassblowing hot shop from the ground up, then became a full-time glassblower once it was complete.

Delvo and Sorensen’s work is often inspired by nature, such as salmon, owls, and the night sky.

Their favorite work, however, is their tedious murrine work, which creates detailed designs of fine lines of colors within the glass. The process of completing a piece typically takes about 14 days.

“We try to dedicate a portion of our time to making the things that we love, and the things we love are the more challenging pieces,” said Delvo.

Boulder Bend Glassworks is located at 8210 US-2 in Peshastin. The studio typically does live glass-blowing demonstrations on Saturdays, and make-your-own glass-fusing workshops on Sundays. Visitors are welcome to stop by anytime during business hours.

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Leavenworth's
community
revisoning
series to begin
Sept. 9

By Taylor Caldwell
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LEAVENWORTH – The City of Leavenworth is inviting its residents to attend a community revisoning series over the course of three evenings in September.

These brainstorming sessions will focus on solutions to the current challenges Leavenworth faces, such as housing in the community, sustainable tourism, and accountable stewardship.

In an invitational letter to the community, Mayor Carl J. Florea recalled the courageous group of community members in the 1960’s, who transformed their dying town of boarded up businesses, into an economically thriving, Bavarian-themed tourist destination.

“What saved our small mountain town? A process of vision and determination in the form of the Project LIFE initiative – Leavenworth Improvement For Everyone. Born out of economic desperation, Project LIFE was a beacon of hope. Our predecessors understood that without a new economic engine, the community would wither away,” said Florea.

In his letter, Florea called on the community to adopt a similar spirit of change in order to address the challenges caused by the town’s successful tourism, and envision the next fifty years of Leavenworth’s future.

“Ironically, what saved us then endangers us now. Let us remember that our economic engine exists to nourish and fortify our community, not overshadow it. Consequently, we must strike a delicate balance between prosperity and preservation,” said Florea.

The three sessions will take place Sept. 9, 16, and 23, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Festhalle. The city plans to consolidate the collective input received over the last three sessions and define Leavenworth’s path forward on Oct. 14, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Chelan County Fire District #3 Station located at 228 Chumstick Highway.

“Remember, these revisoning sessions are not about dwelling on the “how it used to be” or getting caught up in a cycle of current criticisms. It’s about creative problem-solving – finding a way to preserve what we value as we embrace a new, different future,” said Florea.

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Community Block Party attracts record crowd, fosters local engagement



The event hosted sixteen community-focused tables such as the Chamber of Commerce, Cascade Medical, and Cascade Education Foundation. SEE STORY ON PAGE A4

Peshastin Storage opens, fulfilling entrepreneurial dreams



The Boyal family cuts the ribbon on Peshastin Storage alongside their parents, friends and the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PESHASTIN – Navi and Inder Boyal, owners of Wedge Mountain Inn, celebrated the opening of their new self-storage business, Peshastin Storage, with a ribbon-cutting

ceremony on Aug. 20.

“For the hotel, my mindset is always on tourists and people traveling usually, but [with] the storage units, I feel like it’s going to be more of our local community, which actually

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Peshastin Library reopens with enhanced upgrades and improved accessibility

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PESHASTIN – The Peshastin Library reopened on Aug. 23, after receiving an interior remodel through the NCW Libraries Reimagining Spaces Project.

“We’ve already had some folks mentioning how it feels brighter, more open. People have even been saying that it feels bigger,” said Nick Husted, NCW Libraries Area Manager.

The interior of the library received new paint, flooring, shelving, and furniture. It has a dedicated programming and work area, a children’s area, and a staff-only space. The design prioritized accessibility,

with wider spaces throughout the library to accommodate mobility devices. Additionally, the entrance was flattened and widened and now features an automated door button for improved access.

“Libraries are for everyone. It’s the community’s space, and we really want it to feel that way... We don’t want anyone to feel that there’s a challenge to just physically getting here... We hope that some of these improvements just really remove any barriers that there may have been,” said Husted.

The space is also more accommodating to various programming hosted at the library, such as ukulele classes, citizenship classes, and more.

“We’ve had to be really creative with the space like, you know, cramming into these little aisles, sometimes sitting on the kids chairs, because we were out of regular sized chairs, and then we had a very heavy table that I would drag across the library,” said Branch Librarian Clare Morrison.

With wheels on the new chairs, tables, and shelving, the library has more layout flexibility in its thousand square foot space. Staff can easily adjust for different programs and comfortably host more visitors, especially during parts of the year when utilizing the library’s outdoor space is unfeasible.

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The renovated library has a dedicated children's area, in addition to a work and programming space.

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Pink Floyd experience

Icicle Creek Center for the Arts will host the Artemidorus: An Outdoor Pink Floyd Experience with guests Deep Green Sea on Sunday, August 31, at 7 p.m.

"Come celebrate the magic of Pink Floyd as Artemidorus brings you a full live musical and visual experience that takes you to the Dark Side of the Moon and beyond without leaving the meadow," the event page states.

For more information, visit icicle.org.

Benevolent Night

München Haus will host a Benevolent Night on Tuesday, September 3, from 4 to 10 p.m. to benefit the Indigenous Roots and Reparation Foundation.

"München Haus will donate 25% of all sales 4 - 10 p.m.

to our fundraising partner, Indigenous Roots, and Reparation Foundation," the event page states.

"IRRF is an Indigenous lead nonprofit established in 2021 to preserve history, culture, traditions, and language through education and advocacy."

For more information, visit munchenhaus.com.

Live music by Hans Joseph

A Taste Of Icicle Ridge Winery will host live music by Hans Joseph on Tuesday, September 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

"The historic tasting room of Icicle Ridge Winery (Downtown) is glad to announce its first-ever series of live music events," the event page states. "Hans

Joseph will bring his rich and romantic vibe to the space from 6-7:30 p.m. We welcome you to join us for beautiful wines and musical vibes."

For more information, visit icicleridgewinery.com.

September Repair Cafe

Eastside Rebuild will host the September Repair Cafe on Wednesday, September 4, from 6-8 p.m.

"Do you have items that need fixing? Join us for our September Repair Cafe," the event page states.

"Repair Cafes are a community space that brings together skilled volunteer fixers and items that need repair. These events foster community, reduce waste, and

build up the circular economy in NCW."

For more information, visit wasteloop.org.

Chelan County Fair

The Chelan County Fair will open on Thursday, September 5, at 10:30 a.m. and run until Sunday, September 8.

"The Chelan County Fair exists to provide a family event reflecting the past, showcasing current accomplishments, and looking to the future of the county's best resources - its youth, agriculture, and communities."

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit chelancountyfair.com.

A call for understanding in divisive times

Imagine a world where every conversation is an echo chamber, where differing opinions are met with hostility, and where the fear of the unfamiliar drives every decision.

Now open your eyes - this dystopian vision may be closer to reality than we'd like to admit.

In a landscape increasingly defined by polarization, tolerance stands as both our greatest challenge and our most powerful tool for positive change.

Tolerance - the willingness to accept behavior and beliefs that differ from our own - forms the bedrock of pluralis-



From the Publisher

Terry Ward

tic societies. It enables diverse communities to function harmoniously, allowing people with varied backgrounds and ideologies to coexist peacefully and productively.

Yet tolerance is not passive. It demands active engagement and a genuine willingness to listen to and understand perspectives that may feel foreign or uncomfortable.

Today's polarized climate, fueled by echo chambers and personalized content algorithms on social media, makes cultivating true tolerance both more challenging and more essential.

The practice of tolerance does not require us to agree with or endorse every viewpoint we encounter.

Instead, it asks us to approach differences with curiosity and respect, seeking understanding before rushing to judgment. It challenges us to recognize the humanity in those whose beliefs may diverge radically from our own.

In our schools, workplaces, and public spaces, we must foster environments that encourage respectful dialogue and intellectual curiosity.

We should challenge ourselves - and others - to engage with ideas outside our comfort zones, question our assumptions, and approach differenc-

es with empathy rather than animosity.

Tolerance has its limits, particularly regarding ideologies that promote harm or infringe on others' rights.

As philosopher Karl Popper noted, unlimited tolerance can paradoxically lead to tolerance's disappearance.

We must strive for a balanced approach that respects diversity of thought while upholding fundamental human rights and dignity.

As we confront challenges requiring collective action - from affordable housing to economic inequality - cultivating tolerance becomes not just a moral imperative but a practical necessity. Only by bridging our divides

and finding common ground can we hope to address these pressing issues effectively.

Let us commit to practicing genuine tolerance. We must listen more than we speak, seek to understand before being understood, and view our differences as opportunities for growth and learning. Through cultivating true tolerance, we can build a more harmonious and just world for all.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Communities in the Cascade School District,

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to a year filled with great learning, experiences, and partnerships.

We had a lot to celebrate in Cascade School District this past school year!

We are now the first school district to compost in grades K-12 in a BearWise manner!

We joined the Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program, which assures admission to multiple colleges and universities if students have a GPA of 3.0 and have met college admissions requirements.

Our Career and Technical Education (CTE) program was able to receive a grant for an Anatomage table, which is a 7-foot-long digital touchscreen table loaded with 3D human bodies to help students visualize various medical conditions.

Our boys' soccer team was third in the state!

Our school board was again honored as a Board of Distinction, and we received a grant to be able to construct another outdoor learning space at Icicle River Middle School near the greenhouse and the low water demonstra-

tion garden.

Our elementary physical education teacher Ms. Auty received a grant for Strider Bikes, and taught bike riding to all kindergarten students. Too, students exceeded state averages on the state assessment in almost all grades in both math and reading. You can read about more achievements from 2023-2024 in our Year in Review at <https://sil.co/2u7ji>.

We are grateful to our communities for their support of the Cascade Crescendo Choir Campaign to sustain our choir program.

We are also grateful to Icicle Creek Center for the Arts and Village Art in the Park for their patronage of our visual arts program.

In addition, we would like to continue to thank our communities for their support of our Educational Programs and Operations (EP & O) Levy.

This levy allows us to pay for our medical team, our school counselors, and instructional support for students with special needs. It also allows us to provide a robust extra-curricular activity and athletic program.

Please come out and support our Kodiaks during their performances and competitions!

You can find the Kodiak athletic schedule on the high school website.

Don't forget the Homecoming football game at 7 p.m. on September 27 at the Peshastin-Dryden Sports Complex.

Likewise, we are grateful to the communities of Cascade School District for supporting our technology and safety levy.

This levy has allowed us to provide necessary technology to students and staff.

Plus, this levy allows our district to have our amazing school resource officer (SRO), Deputy Nigel Hunter.

Deputy Hunter has been a teacher, a coach, and an SRO. He is helping us foster a safe and effective learning environment for all.

Thank you for your support of our schools.

We're looking forward to a great 2024-2025 school year!

Dr. Tracey L. Edou
Superintendent



NCW Tech Alliance launches AI Skill-A-Thon

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WENATCHEE - The NCW Tech Alliance, in collaboration with Microsoft and the Community Skills Initiative, will launch a month-long AI Skill-A-Thon on September 1 to enhance artificial intelligence and digital skills in North Central Washington.

The competition, running through September 30, provides participants with free access to online courses in high-demand fields, including IT, data analytics, and project management.

This year's program highlights artificial intelligence and sustainability skills.

Participants can register in three age categories: 16-24, 25-49, and 50 and older.

The top four performers in each category will receive cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1,500.

The initiative utilizes Microsoft's Global Skills Initiative

and LinkedIn Learning paths to offer accessible training for job seekers and professionals. Courses are available in both English and Spanish and can be accessed via smartphone, tablet, desktop, or laptop.

Local employers, educators, and non-profits are encouraged to share the Community Skills Initiative website as a resource for online training and upskilling opportunities.

The NCW Tech Alliance, a non-profit organization established in 1999, supports entrepreneurs, STEM education, and technology adoption in North Central Washington.

Interested participants can register at www.communityskills-killing.org/partner/ncwtech. The competition officially begins on September 1 at 12:01 a.m.

For further information, individuals can contact Conrad Billman, NCW Tech Alliance Technology Programs Manager, at conrad@ncwtech.org or 509-661-9000.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.
Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.
Ukulele Circle, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.
Cascade Medical Board, 4th Wednesday of every month (with a couple exceptions), September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 20, 5:30 p.m.
Senior Center, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, For more info. President Steve Alford, 509-548-4505, or email leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com
Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)
Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Friday

Veteran Service Office, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us
Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.
Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

Monday

Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.
Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/
Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)
Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org
LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st Tues.)
Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)
Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)
Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m.-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com
Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.
Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org
Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-6, Thurs., 10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat., 10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Other events

The Greater Leavenworth Museum, is open daily from 11-4, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Check their Facebook page or website at leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information.
Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.
The Peshastin Public Library is currently closed for renovations and will re-open in mid to late summer.
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

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AA Meetings:

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 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth Alanon meetings: 509-548-7939
 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379
 Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin
 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.
Alanon Meetings, Call 509-548-7939
Renewed Celebrate Recovery, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509- 596-1510.

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New beach wheelchair improves access at Lake Wenatchee State Park

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LAKE WENATCHEE – Lake Wenatchee State Park has introduced a Fixed Frame Beach Wheelchair, enhancing access to its sandy lakeshore for visitors with mobility needs. The specialized wheelchair, featuring large, wide wheels, is designed to navigate soft sand

and uneven terrain more easily than standard wheelchairs.

This addition comes alongside the installation of ADA-compliant beach access mats, expanding opportunities for inclusive beach access and picnicking on stable surfaces.

Park visitors can reserve the beach wheelchair at no cost by contacting the park office.

The chair is available for full-

day or partial-day use, subject to completion of liability and rental agreement forms on-site.

The nonmotorized chair requires users to be accompanied by a companion for assistance with transitions and navigation on the beach.

The beach wheelchair was funded through a Community Partnership Fund grant jointly supported by Confluence

Health and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group.

The introduction of this accessible beach equipment is part of broader efforts to enhance inclusivity in outdoor recreation spaces across the state.

For reservations or more information, visitors are advised to contact the Lake Wenatchee State Park office at 509-763-3101.

Leavenworth Women's Exchange to resume luncheons with cybersecurity focus

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LEAVENWORTH – The Leavenworth Women's Exchange (LWE) is set to resume its monthly luncheon meetings after a seasonal hiatus. The first gathering will take place on Wednesday, September 11, at 12:00 p.m. at the

Icicle Inn Restaurant, located at 505 Highway 2 in Leavenworth.

The event will feature guest speaker Nick Moore, Assistant Vice President and Information Security Officer at Cashmere Valley Bank.

Moore is expected to provide attendees with essential knowledge on identifying,

preventing, and responding to various forms of online fraud and scams.

The luncheon, priced at \$28.50 per person, includes a buffet meal, beverage, tax, and gratuity. Organizers emphasize that payment must be made by check payable to LWE or in exact cash.

Due to catering arrange-

ments, the organization has implemented a strict cancellation policy. Attendees who cancel after September 5 will be responsible for the full cost of the lunch.

Interested parties are required to make reservations by Thursday, September 5, by contacting Claire Burlingame at 509-548-7142.

Annual library book sale returns to Leavenworth Sept. 27

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LEAVENWORTH – The Friends of the Leavenworth Library will hold their annual used book sale from Septem-

ber 27 to October 6. The event promotes literacy and supports the Leavenworth Public Library.

Located at the intersection of 8th and Commercial Street in downtown Leavenworth,

the sale offers donated books organized by categories such as mysteries, children's literature, romance, history, gardening, and crafts. Visitors can purchase a book bag, fill it with books, and make a donation.

Sale proceeds support community programs, including a 3rd Grade Book Day. This initiative allows K-3 students to select new books, with third-graders taking a field trip to the Leavenworth Library and a local bookstore. The Friends also fund special projects, parties, and prizes for the Summer Library Program. Additionally, they are saving money for future endeavors, including the potential relocation of the Leavenworth Branch.

The sale runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and until 6 p.m. on weekends, ending at noon on Sunday,



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Sue Schmidt displays a "Save the Earth" book at the Nature and Gardening section of the Friends of the Leavenworth Library book sale. The annual event features a wide variety of donated books to support library programs and initiatives.

October 6. The all-volunteer event accepts Venmo, cash, and checks.

For additional information, contact Friends President Natalie Briody at 509-670-9361.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Rows of tents house thousands of books at the Friends of the Leavenworth Library Annual Used Book Sale. The event, held at the intersection of 8th and Commercial Street from September 27 to October 6, offers a wide selection of donated books organized by genre.

Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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August 17

0:27:18 Assist Public, 221 8th St# B; Ducks And Drake
 2:27:43 Suspicious, Ski Hill Dr & Us Hwy 2
 7:51:12 Welfare Check, 12800blk Ranger Rd
 11:56:50 Welfare Check, 7906 Icicle Rd; Area
 13:20:12 Civil, 24602 Spur St, Plain
 14:04:25 Welfare Check, 9925 Merry Canyon Rd
 14:51:43 Parking/Abandon, Icicle Rd Mp 1
 17:30:22 Animal Problem, 920 Front St; Wok About Grill
 17:45:27 Animal Problem, 10th St & Commercial St
 19:50:07 Traffic Offense, 15885 River Rd, Plain
 20:56:05 Assist Agency, S Shugart Flats Rd & Allen
 21:22:36 Animal Problem, 100 Ward Strasse

St# A
 9:24:41 Suspicious, Tumwater Mountain
 9:53:07 Alarm, 920 Front St; #B - Wok About Grill
 11:01:24 Welfare Check, 224 Benton St
 11:40:14 Domestic Distur, 8282 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin
 11:52:04 Accident No Inj, Us Hwy 2 & River Bend Dr
 12:38:42 Disturbance, 10788 Us Hwy 2
 13:28:30 Accident No Inj, North Rd & Fox Rd
 15:26:25 Harass/Threat, 18504 Hazel St, Plain
 15:40:51 Suspicious, 12276 Ski View Ln
 18:50:04 Malicious Misch, 645 Front St; Introstem
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17:03:37 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & Chumstick Hwy
 17:29:53 Trespass, 224 Benton St; Faith Lutheran
 20:27:02 Noise, 10797 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin
 20:32:53 Diversion, 21325 Sr 207; Lake Wenatchee
 20:44:13 Suicide Threat, 308 Zelt Strasse; Pine Village
 20:49:07 Vehicle Prowl, Stuart Lake Colchuck Th
 22:19:36 911, 230 Central Ave# B
 22:47:06 Animal Problem, 108 Snow Creek Ln

18:23:19 Accident No Inj, Company Creek Rd & Landing
 18:45:03 Miscellaneous, 520 Pine St# Main; Lofc

August 22

1:05:06 Trespass, 10415 Titus Rd# G
 1:52:18 Lewd Conduct, 820 Front St; Gazebo Park
 1:53:22 Animal Problem, 11687 Sunitich Canyon Rd
 9:40:58 Assault, 10851 Chumstick Hwy
 10:33:55 Atl/Atc, Snow Lakes Trailhead
 12:15:25 Burglary, 1303 Front St
 12:29:33 Assist Public, 309 8th St; Posthotel
 14:09:19 Disturbance, 24625 Spur St; Across, Plain
 18:29:29 Parking/Abandon, 100 Ward Strasse
 19:43:29 Welfare Check, 9189 Anderson Canyon Rd
 19:48:35 Alarm, 3003 Us Hwy 97
 20:33:50 Suspicious, Nason Creek, Lake Wenatchee
 21:07:52 Juvenile Proble, 225 Central Ave
 21:14:51 Suspicious, Chiwawa River Bridge
 23:54:19 Alarm, 7375 Icicle Rd; Sleeping Lady

August 21

1:05:06 Trespass, 10415 Titus Rd# G
 1:53:22 Animal Problem, 11687 Sunitich Canyon Rd
 3:07:56 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy Mp 10
 8:52:17 911, 228 Chumstick Hwy
 9:28:19 Welfare Check, Tumwater Mountain
 9:29:39 Parking/Abandon, 100 Ward Strasse
 10:59:45 Vehicle Prowl, Stuart Lake Colchuck
 11:01:45 Accident No Inj, Chiwawa River Bridge, Lake Wenatchee
 16:29:07 Assist Public, 600 Sherbourne St

August 18

1:04:57 Assist Public, Icicle Rd Mp 4
 3:56:22 Suspicious, 8734 School St, Dryden
 4:38:33 Alarm, 817 Commercial St
 6:44:32 Parking/Abandon, Pine St & Titus Rd
 9:09:52 Suspicious, 510 Cone

August 20

8:40:19 Property, 1250 Us Hwy 2; Mcdonalds
 9:15:24 Suspicious, Hay Canyon Rd & Wet Hay Rd
 11:18:45 Theft, 36 Ranch Creek Rd, Peshastin
 12:03:40 Suspicious, 12796 Cemetery Rd
 14:01:19 Disturbance, 700 Us Hwy 2
 14:42:22 911, 228 Chumstick Hwy

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Community Block Party attracts record crowd, fosters local engagement

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Rain held off for the Aug. 22 Community Block Party, which brought in a record number of residents for a night of food, activities, and community engagement.

“We get to see so many people, and it keeps growing every year. It’s what community is all about, right? Chances to gather and have fun together,” said Mayor Carl Florea.

The Community Block Party is part of the quarterly Community Engagement Nights hosted by the city. It began in 2019 as a way for the city to bring the community together, promote local initiatives, and foster a sense of neighborhood camaraderie.

The city estimates between 700 and 750 people attended, compared to an estimated 400 attendees last year.

City Councilmembers and city officials donned orange gloves and white aprons to serve 362 hamburgers, 40 garden burgers, and 400 hot dogs to residents.

The event had kid-friendly activities such as a water slide, bounce house, and corn hole.

Additionally, the number of tables featuring community businesses, organizations, and projects totaled 16.

Last year’s event hosted about four tables, most of



The Community Block Party took place at the Osborn Playfield and Orchard Street on Aug. 22.

which featured city projects, according to Executive Assistant Sue Cragun.

“The first one had just a couple of city projects, and it was all in the street. It didn’t flow into [the Osborn playfield] like we’re doing now. So, it’s grown in both with city projects, but now also just community projects... People have a chance to get exposed to all the different things that are happening,” said Florea.

The city enlisted Waste Loop to assist with creating a “near zero waste” event. Waste Loop Education and Outreach Manager Amanda Close provided the receptacles and education on which items could be

composted or recycled. Close estimated that 46 percent of the event’s waste was composted, equating to 36 pounds, and 41 percent was recycled, which was about 32 pounds. Only 13 percent, or 10 pounds, was sent to the landfill.

“A lot of waste is generated at events, and so instead of it going to the landfill, the things that can be recycled [are] recycled. The things that can be composted can be brought up to Winton [Mfg.] and composted locally,” said Waste Loop Education and Outreach Manager Amanda Close.

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City Councilmembers Anne Hessburg, Shane Thayer, and Travis McMaster served dinner during the block party.



Waste Loop’s Amanda Close helps attendees sort their garbage. Only 13 percent of the event’s waste went to landfill.

Chelan PUD considers two-year rate hike extension, citing rising costs

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WENATCHEE – Chelan County Public Utility District commissioners are considering a two-year extension of annual rate increases, potentially affecting customers’ electric, water, and wastewater bills starting in June 2025.

The proposal, discussed at a recent board meeting, would continue the 3-4% annual rate hikes initiated in the 2020-2024 strategic plan. If approved, residential customers could see monthly increases of \$2 for electricity, \$3 for water, and \$3.75-\$3.90 for wastewater, based on average usage.

Chelan PUD officials cite rising operational costs as the

primary driver for the proposed extension. Between 2018 and 2024, the cost to generate and deliver electricity per customer increased from approximately \$100 to \$153 monthly, while average monthly bills rose from \$55 to \$66.

The utility relies heavily on revenue from surplus energy sales to maintain low electrical rates for residents. However, the growing gap between service costs and customer payments is putting pressure on this model, potentially risking larger rate jumps in the future.

For water and wastewater services, the proposed 4% annual increase aims to bring these utilities closer to financial self-sufficiency.

The PUD held public meetings in Wenatchee and Leavenworth earlier this week to discuss the proposal with community members and has one more scheduled in Chelan at the Chelan PUD office on September 4. A rate hearing is set for September 16, with commissioners expected to vote on the resolution on October 7.

The utility also plans to increase its bill discount for low-income seniors and disabled individuals to \$11-\$13.50 per month, effective June 2025.

In related developments, the PUD is exploring a partnership with Washington State Parks to operate Beebe Bridge Park and is proposing an increase in construction-related customer fees for 2025.

Peshastin Library

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“I’d love for it to improve the ambiance as sort of a place where you can just come and hang out and work and meet with people, because there isn’t really, like a dedicated public, free meeting space in Peshastin,” said Morrison.

The Peshastin Library is the second NCW library to receive a remodel under the Reimagining Spaces Project. NCW Libraries invested more than \$10 million into the multi-year project, which is intended to make 29 library spaces safe, accessible, and welcoming to its diverse NCW communities. Libraries in Curlew, Ephrata, Soap Lake, Chelan, Manson, and Royal City also have redesigns underway. Bridgeport, Cashmere, Omak, and Oroville are also listed as upcoming projects.

While NCW Libraries sponsored the remodel, the community was at the forefront of the project. The library network spent about a year consulting with library users about the changes that should be prioritized in the remodel, such as improving space

flexibility, adding storage and seating, and having better accessibility. Even the color scheme, a mix of oranges and greens called “community harvest,” was chosen by a community vote.

However, the remodel wouldn’t have been possible without the Friends of the Library group, which owns and maintains the building. Dry rot was discovered in the floor during renovations, which was outside the remodeling budget.

The Friends of the Library paid for it out of their contingency fund and have since applied for grants and organized fundraisers to recoup the costs.

“They have been really involved in the process since day one, and they’re very, very dedicated and very conscientious,” said Morrison.

The Peshastin Library will host a grand reopening celebration on Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., celebrating both the remodeled space and the library’s history in the community. Community members are encouraged to bring any personal photos or stories from the library’s history over the years.

The library is located at



Current Branch Librarian Clare Morrison poses with former Branch Librarian Paul Anderman in the renovated space.

8396 Main Street in Peshastin. It is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is closed on Mondays and Sundays.

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Cashmere-Dryden Airport gearing up for annual community celebration

By **WILL NILLES**
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – The pilots of the Cashmere-Dryden Airport (CDA) invite the community to their runway for a fun-filled day of planes, food, and local connection.

In the hopes of engaging with the community and spreading further awareness about their critical role as a local resource, the CDA is hosting its 3rd annual Cashmere-Dryden Airport Day. The Airport Day event aims to bring the vital and often overlooked benefits of rural airports into public focus. In doing so, the pilots at CDA hope to introduce their neighbors to the wide world of aviation.

CDA board member and local pilot York Baur helps organize Airport Day. He finds the event to benefit the Cashmere community in multiple ways.

“It really serves two purposes,” Baur explained. “The first is for people to just experience the joy of aviation, for anyone and everyone to understand a little bit more and get exposed to the magic of flight. The second purpose, and this applies not only to Cashmere-Dryden but

really to all rural airports, is to illuminate the critical role that airports like Cashmere-Dryden serve in the rural community.”

Impressively, CDA’s paved runway provides a wide range of crucial resources to communities at the state level.

This ranges from assisting with regional firefighting efforts to ensuring that community members receive necessary medical treatment.

Baur himself is familiar with the vital help that CDA provides to local causes.

“Things like search and rescue, fire suppression, a lot of medical,” Baur listed as he described CDA’s lifesaving potential. “We have life flights that fly in and out, and there’s a group called Angel Flight that flies people to non-emergency care that they might need.”

Additionally, the rural airport’s relaxed level of traffic allows for local agencies to perform important training exercises in a safe environment.

As Baur explains, “[CDA] had the Chelan County Sheriff helicopter come out a couple months ago and practice on our field because those kinds of practices aren’t done usually at



COURTESY OF GINA SMITH

Cashmere-Dryden Airport Day’s boasts a whole day of planes, food, and aviation awareness.

busy airports.”

Another passionate local pilot and CDA board member, Bill McGlynn, expanded further on the airport’s criticality in providing emergency service.

“That airport is going to be a line of defense,” McGlynn mentioned, focusing on the vital resources provided by CDA. “If we ever have a giant fire that starts coming down the Wenatchee Valley, that airport will be the place where helicopters can go in and hot fuel, meaning they don’t have to shut the helicopter down in order to refuel it.”

Alongside spreading awareness about the airport’s important role in the local area, CDA also hopes to impart their at-

tendees of all ages with smiles and a newfound appreciation for aviation.

This includes giving locals a chance to approach about forty different airplanes and learn about each one from their impassioned owners. Kids also have the opportunity to take a look inside a variety of real planes while sitting in their cockpits.

As local pilot McGlynn shares from his personal experience, the sparks of passion only require one good interaction to influence someone’s life forever.

“You never know when some of these little experiences that are maybe insignificant to the pilot or to most people, might be the inspiration for a young person to become an astronaut. You know, it happened to me. I was always one of those kids that looked up when an airplane went over, probably from the time I was five years old. And a guy gave me a ride just out of the goodness of his heart when I was 13, and let me fly the airplane, and it set the hooks so deep that for the rest of my life, all I could think about was flying in an airplane.”

It’s not just kids who find

themselves captivated by the wonders of flight, however. McGlynn also enjoys seeing the faces of adults light up as they learn about the world of aviation in the comfort of the local community.

“I think the adults bring their kids because the kids get so excited,” McGlynn explained. “But, I think that, frankly, the parents are just as excited. You see the giant smiles on their faces too.”

With 2024 marking CDA’s third Airport Day, Board Member Baur feels hopeful about the event’s overall growth.

“The attendance has gone up,” Baur shared optimistically. “Last year, we had over 300 people, and we hope for more this year.”

In light of the event’s popularity, CDA is introducing an RC airplane flight demonstration featuring massive remote control planes that allow attendees to truly enjoy the spectacle of flight.

“In particular, this year we will have some one-third scale RC airplanes,” Baur commented. “These are the largest of the remote control airplanes. So

they’re real airplanes. They are just flown remotely. And it’s a great way for people, especially kids, to understand a little bit more and get up close with something that’s actually flying that day.”

In the spirit of connecting the community to CDA’s important and fascinating aviation opportunities, Board Member McGlynn leaves a message for Cashmere-Dryden locals, reminding everyone of their inclusion in this vital asset.

“This airport belongs to everyone,” McGlynn declared. “And so it’s really exactly that, it’s a resource for everybody.”

The Cashmere-Dryden Airport Day event begins at 10 a.m. on September 7, giving community members the chance to connect with their local airport while still having time to attend the Chelan County Fair at the Cashmere Expo Center.

Eagerly standing by, the pilots at the Cashmere-Dryden Airport look forward to greeting their neighbors and inspiring the community with their limitless passion for aviation.

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Young virtuosos to perform free concert in Chelan



COURTESY OF LADIES MUSICAL CLUB OF SEATTLE

Sean Yang, a winner of the 2024 Frances Walton Competition, performs on a Yamaha grand piano. The talented pianist, who studies at the University of Michigan, will join fellow winner Kana Funayama in a free concert on September 10 at Chelan High School Performing Arts Center.

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CHELAN – The winners of the 2024 Frances Walton Competition for Classical Musicians are set to perform a free concert on September 10 at the Chelan High School Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature Kana Funayama, a Japanese percussionist and marimbist, and Sean Yang, a pianist. Both musicians have gained recognition in their respective fields.

Funayama, a graduate of Tokyo University of the Arts and Eastman School of Music, has performed with prestigious ensembles, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House. She is currently pursuing an Artist Diploma at USC’s

Thornton School of Music.

Yang, who studied under Logan Skelton at the University of Michigan, has won prizes in several competitions and performed with orchestras, including the Nashville Symphony. He holds a double major in Neuroscience and Piano from Vanderbilt University and has conducted research on the benefits of live classical music in intensive care units.

The concert, part of the Winners Outreach Tour, begins at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. For those unable to attend in person, a live broadcast will be available on Classical KING (KING.org) on September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

This event is supported by various organizations, including Classical KING, Tour-

WEST, and the Office of Arts & Culture Seattle.

For more information, in-

terested parties can visit the event website at <https://bit.ly/2024FWC>.



COURTESY OF LADIES MUSICAL CLUB OF SEATTLE

Kana Funayama, winner of the 2024 Frances Walton Competition, demonstrates her skill on the marimba. The talented percussionist will perform in a free concert on September 10 at Chelan High School Performing Arts Center, showcasing her virtuosity alongside fellow winner Sean Yang.

Forest Service to host wildland firefighter hiring event in Wenatchee

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 The Leavenworth Echo

WENATCHEE – The U.S. Forest Service is set to host a significant wildland firefighter recruitment event in Wenatchee as part of a larger initiative to bolster its firefighting workforce in the Pacific Northwest.

On September 12, from noon to 6 p.m., the Okanogan-Wenatchee National

Forest Supervisor’s Office at 215 Melody Lane will open its doors to prospective firefighters. This event is one of several across Washington and Oregon aimed at filling approximately 200 permanent seasonal positions.

The Wenatchee location is strategically important, serving as a hub for firefighting efforts in North Central Washington.

The Okanogan-Wenatchee

National Forest, spanning nearly 4 million acres along the east slopes of the Cascade Range, has faced significant wildfire challenges in recent years.

During the event, applicants will have the opportunity to engage directly with regional fire staff, gaining insights into the roles and responsibilities of wildland firefighters.

Forest Service representatives will be on hand to assist

with applications and provide information about career paths within the agency.

The positions available include openings on hand crews, engine crews, and elite hotshot teams.

These entry-level roles, classified as GS-3 and GS-4 pay grades, offer a starting point for those interested in a career in wildland firefighting.

Forest Service officials emphasize that these positions

not only contribute to the protection of natural resources but also provide opportunities for professional growth and advancement within the agency.

For those unable to attend the Wenatchee event, the Forest Service will accept online applications through USAJobs.gov from August 23 to September 24.

However, interested individuals are encouraged to

attend the in-person event if possible, as it offers unique networking opportunities and immediate application assistance.

As wildfires continue to pose significant threats to the forests and communities of central Washington, this recruitment drive represents a crucial step in the Forest Service’s efforts to maintain a robust and effective firefighting force in the region.

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Peshastin Storage

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makes me really excited that we're catering to the community," said Navi Boyal.

Opening the storage facility fulfills a longtime entrepreneurial dream for the Boyals, who are first - and second-generation Indian immigrants who grew up witnessing their parents' entrepreneurial pursuits.

"We've seen that with hard work and grit, you can accomplish your dream. And that's what I would say, is like, kind of our entrepreneurial spirit, where it came from... We've seen the American dream happen," said Inder Boyal.

At six years old, Inder Boyal and his family moved from India to the U.S., and he witnessed his parents build a name for themselves in a new country.

"They gambled and came to America, and then just kind of worked themselves up into their own businesses, and so it was also a dream of ours," said Inder Boyal.

As a kid, Navi Boyal watched her parents take their first chance as business owners by purchasing a hotel. Her parents worked multiple jobs while running the hotel, unsure if they would find success. They did eventually, allowing them to invest in more businesses.

For years, the Boyals worked long hours in tech on the west side, knowing that one day they'd want to become small business owners themselves. When their son was born, they started looking for potential hotels for purchase, and found Wedge Mountain Inn.

"We saw that it had good bones and a good skeleton, and we saw the opportunity to basically take a gamble and throw all of our life savings out here," said Inder Boyal.

In 2015, the Boyals purchased the inn, remodeling and rebranding it over the last nine years.

They put in new carpet, added new furniture, and painted. With their backgrounds in tech and marketing, they also gave the inn an online presence.

"It was like flipping a house but flipping a hotel... Now, people love staying with us... We have a lot of retention. Customers always come again because they know it's a nice, quiet, clean, comfortable property that's not in the heart of town, but it's half the price," said Inder Boyal.

The Boyals originally planned to live in the area for



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Inder and Navi Boyal, with their two children.

one to two years as they built the business up, then let it run itself. However, they each got more and more involved with the community as their kids grew up, coaching soccer and volunteering at Peshastin-Dryden. Nine years later, they still call the area home.

"The longer we have been here, the more we just love it. We love the small town. We love the community. Now, every time we go back to the west side, we're just like, 'Oh, we can't wait to go home,'" said Navi Boyal.

Now, the Boyals have embarked on a new entrepreneurial adventure, this time building their storage business from the ground up. The Boyals' parents, who inspired their pursuits, joined the celebratory ribbon cutting.

"It's just like another adventure to go on... It's nerve wracking, and it's just another gamble we're taking in our lives. Hopefully, it should work out. But it's exciting, and I'd say we're nervous at the same time," said Inder Boyal.

The storage facility is secured by a coded gate, and is accessible 24 hours a day and seven days a week. The adjacent Wedge Mountain Inn lobby will offer assistance to storage unit customers.

"There's always going to be someone there on site that can always help you. Either my wife or I will be there during the day, and then our awesome manager, who manages our hotel as well, will be there in the evening. We're in the hospitality industry, so our customer service, I feel like, is going to be really, really exceptional for customers," said Inder Boyal.

The storage facility has 102 units, ranging in size from 5 feet by 10 feet to 10 feet by 15 feet, 10 feet by 20 feet, and 10 feet by 25 feet. It is located behind Wedge Mountain Inn at 155 Boyal Lane, Peshastin. More information can be found at peshastinstorage.com.

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Pool's future secured with levy reauthorization

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY - A property tax levy that supports the maintenance and operation of Howard Hopkins Memorial Pool received enough votes to pass in the Aug. 6 election.

Upper Valley Parks and Recreation Service Area (PRSA) Proposition No. 1 authorizes the imposition of regular property tax levies of 15 cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed value for six consecutive years. The proposition received 71.45 percent approval, with 1,807 'yes' votes, and 722 'no' votes in the final Aug. 20 ballot count.

The entire PRSA levy goes toward the Howard Hopkins Memorial Pool, accounting for approximately 50 percent of its



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The voter-approved levy supports maintenance and operational costs of the community pool.

maintenance and operations costs. It must be reauthorized by vote every six years. The last reauthorization occurred in 2018, when voters chose to renew the 11-cent levy.

Washington state's levy limit regulations restrict a district's total tax revenue increase to one percent per year. According to previous report-

ing in The Leavenworth Echo, as property values rise, the tax rate is typically adjusted downward to ensure compliance with this one percent limit. Because of this, PRSA is currently collecting 8 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

In 2024, the PRSA collected \$197,000 through the levy, with 25 percent fulfilled by the city's Lodging Tax and 25 percent fulfilled by pool use fees. The pool's budget included \$387,000 in maintenance and operational costs, with an additional \$30,000 in emergency repair costs. The total \$417,000 requires capital reserve dollars in order to make up the difference of cost exceeding revenue.

The recently approved levy rate is estimated to generate \$463,000 in annual revenue for

PRSA, which is about \$266,000 more in tax revenue annually.

"As a City Council member on the PRSA Board and resident of Leavenworth who learned to swim in the Howard Hopkins pool, I couldn't be more thrilled with the results of the 6-year maintenance and operation levy for the city pool. This increase from 11 cents per \$1,000, which was passed in 2018, to 15 cents will allow the PRSA to allocate more funds to keep the current pool open for another six years and hopefully add some much needed amenities like more shade, expand seating options, and maybe a slide or other feature," said City Councilmember Shane Thayer.

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Manson to host "Shake & Bake" Pickleball Tournament this fall

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MANSON - The Manson Chamber of Commerce and Wapato Point Resort are set to host a major pickleball tournament, "Shake & Bake On The Lake," from October 4-6. The event, situated on the shores of Lake Chelan, will feature both amateur and professional competitions with thousands of dollars in prize money for the Pro Events. The fall tournament will utilize an All Round Robin format with playoffs and is open to participants of all ages and skill levels. Registration is currently available through pickleballbrackets.com and the Manson Chamber of Commerce website.

Wapato Point Resort, described as an internationally recognized vacation destination, has made a substantial investment in pickleball courts for residents and guests.

Rick Zalewski, pickleball organizer for the Manson Chamber of Commerce, says,

"We're looking to make our spring (first weekend in May) and fall tournaments (first weekend in October) automatic choices for pickleballers near and far. We're adding to each event with new and exciting things for participants and spectators to enjoy."

The tournament is supported by local businesses, including Yacinde at Wapato Point, Winogirl Wines, Mountain View Lodge, 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino, and The Lookout Lakeside Village. The event will feature a beer and wine garden overlooking the courts, a food truck, and a vendor village. Spectators can attend free of charge.

Proceeds from the event will support chamber activities and scholarship programs. The organizers are also offering lodging specials for players and their families.

For more information, interested parties can contact Jeff Conwell at the Manson Chamber of Commerce at 509-433-8300.

Genealogical Society to host nationally recognized speaker on organization

Ward Media
The Leavenworth Echo

EAST WENATCHEE - The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) will host a hybrid meeting featuring nationally recognized speaker Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal on Monday, September 9 at 2:00 p.m. O'Neal will present "Finally Get Organized: Conquer the

Clutter Using Your Natural Learning Style," offering attendees practical methods for managing genealogical materials and information.

The meeting will take place at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street in East Wenatchee. A virtual option via Zoom will be available for remote participants. Those interested in attending online should contact

Obituary announcements

Ronald Arvid Hill Sr.

Ronald Arvid Hill Sr. was born 11-02-1937 to Earl Arvid Hill and Wilma Ingrid Nikko. He grew up in Issaquah Washington and graduated from Issaquah High School in 1955, where he participated in band and played baseball as a catcher. He married Anita Jessalyn Peterson in 1958 residing in Seattle and worked as a Pipefitter by trade. They had three children, Joanna, Jessalyn and Ron II.

The family moved to Leavenworth in 1971 where he continued in his trade. He later worked and retired from the Cascade School District. After retirement he worked at various places utilizing his equipment operating experience. He married Marion Harrington in 1988. They enjoyed participating in the Royal Bavarians for many years in numerous roles, attending and hosting many festivals in Leavenworth and throughout the Pacific Northwest. They enjoyed traveling in their RV and had many adventures. A trip to Germany and Finland was a highlight as Dad was very proud of his Finnish heritage.

Ron was active in recreational baseball throughout his life as he was able. He served in the US Navy Seabees in Port Hueneme California for four years. He was a lifetime member of the King County Fire District #11 in Seattle. He also volunteered for the Leavenworth Fire Department for several years, and the Chelan County Sheriff's Posse. He loved being busy working on projects "fixing" and "building" things. He had many projects on the back burner.

He is survived by his daughter, Joanna, son Ronald (Stacy). Grandchildren and great grandchildren: Talia (James) Tupling; Raymond (Anne) Tupling, Frank and Hazel; Randall (Jenna) Tupling, Will and Wade. Seth (Krista) Davis, Cole and Paisley.

He was predeceased by his parents, wife Marion, daughter Jessalyn Davis, and grandson Daniel Tupling.

A Celebration of Life is planned for later in the fall.

Ronald Arvid Hill Sr.

Library@wags-web.org for access details. WAGS officials state the event is free and open to the public, highlighting the society's focus on community engagement and genealogical education. For more information about the event or the society, call 509-782-4046.

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