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Chelan Fire and Rescue hits new emergency response record

By Mike Maltais
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – Fire and Rescue crews set a record in July for a category that all hands would rather see trending in the opposite direction: record emergency response.

Chief Brandon Asher reported 154 July calls, up from the 10-year July average of 132.

“We are far above last year’s call volume for August,” Asher also noted. “We are definitely on an upward trend... and more fire calls.”

• July 4 - Third alarm Wenatchee brush fire. Third alarm Mansfield Road C brush fire. Second alarm evening brush fire on the butte.

“We lucked out... absolutely zero wind and the coolest part of the evening,” said Asher “We were able

to keep it up on that bench without it getting pushed over the edge where our crews would have had a lot more difficulty getting to it. They were super aggressive on that fire.”

• July 6 - Second alarm at Beehive Reservoir area in Wenatchee.

• July 7 - Beebe Bridge brush fire.

• July 9 - Wenatchee hazmat response.

• July 13 - Apple Blossom 97A MVA (motor vehicle accident).

• July 20 - Apple Blossom brush fire.

• July 21 - MVA at 150 Wilmoreth Dr.

• July 22 - Engine mobilized to Stehekin for structure protection

• July 23 - Strike team to Yakima for Black Canyon and Retreat fires.

“At that time, the state was very, very strapped. There were 18 differ-



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Brandon Asher

ent strike teams being put together by the state that were either on the big fires in Oregon or Washington,” said Asher. “We work hard to get

people qualified, so we have qualified strike team leaders now and two more who almost signed off.”

• July 24 - Second alarm Recycle fire.

• July 25 - Mile State Park car fire

• July 28 - Stayman Flat RV/garage fire assisting Chelan County 8.

While the RV was a total loss, Asher said the rapid response saved the three-car garage and summer playhouse contents.

• End of July - Orondo third alarm brush fire.

“We requested aircraft, dozers, and everything we could as fast as we could,” said Asher. “A lot of hard work kept that fire to a couple hundred acres.”

Asher said the department strives

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Okanogan County Transit expands service, connects with Link Transit

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WENATCHEE – Okanogan County’s transit service, TranGO, is set to launch a new connection with Link Transit’s Route 21, extending public transportation options between Okanogan County and Wenatchee.

Starting September 3, TranGO will operate three daily round trips Monday through Saturday between Okanogan and Chelan, with stops in Brewster and Pateros.

The new service will connect with Link Transit’s Route 21 to and from Wenatchee.

On weekdays, southbound TranGO buses from Okanogan will arrive in Chelan at 9:09 a.m., 12:09 p.m., and 3:39 p.m.

Passengers can then transfer to Link Transit Route 21, reaching Wenatchee approximately one hour later.

For northbound travel, Link Transit buses will depart Wenatchee’s Columbia Station at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., connecting with TranGO’s northbound departures in Chelan.

Saturday service will offer different timings, with connections allowing arrivals in Wenatchee at 10:47 a.m., 2:17 p.m., and 5:17 p.m.

Return trips to Okanogan County will be available with Link Transit departures from Wenatchee at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m.

TranGO fares are set at \$1 each way, with free rides for passengers 18 and younger.

Link Transit services remain fare-free for all riders.

All transfers between TranGO and Link Transit will take place at the bus stop near Chelan City Hall on Johnson Street.

This expansion of service improves regional connectivity for Okanogan County residents, providing access to Wenatchee for work, medical appointments, and other services.

Detailed schedules and additional information are available on the Link Transit and TranGO websites.

Passengers seeking more information can contact Link Transit Guest Services at 509-662-1155.

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 recogni-

tion 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



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.

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, TourWEST, and the Office of Arts & Culture Seattle.

For more information, interested parties can visit the event website at <https://bit.ly/2024FWC>.

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.



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Live music by Stone in Love

Rocky Pond Estate in Orondo will host live music by Stone in Love on Friday, August 30, from 7 to 9 p.m.

"Stone in Love is one of the top Journey cover bands in the world, having just returned from their show at the famous HAREFEST: The Mother of All Tribute Festivals," the event page states. "And now you can see them at the Estate. Secure your spot and get ready for an unforgettable night of music and fun."

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

BBQ and live music

On Friday, August 30, there will be live music and a food truck from 3-6 p.m. at Callan Cellars in Chelan.

"Join us Friday, August 30 for our end-of-summer celebration at Callan in Chelan featuring Burch Mountain BBQ and live music by Owen Barnhart," the event page states. "If you haven't had Justin's BBQ or heard Owen perform, you are in for a treat."

For more information, visit callancellars.com.

Live Music by Kelly Shirey

Benson Vineyard Estate Winery in Manson will host live music by Kelly Shirey on Friday, August 30, from 3 to 6 p.m.

"Come one, come all, and celebrate the day with live music at Benson Vineyards Estate Winery," the event page states. "This free event is the perfect way to spend your day with family and friends."

For more information, visit bensonvineyards.com.

Continental Surf Cup

The 3rd Annual Continental Surf Cup will be held on Saturday, August 31, and Sunday, September 1, at Lakeside Surf in Chelan.

"Team USA vs Team Europe will engage in a two-day battle for river wave bragging rights," the event page states. On August 31 & September 1, each team will compete in a variety of events that will lead to only 1 team being declared champions, in addition to traditional podium finishes for individual surfers and prize money opportunities for men and women competitors.

This event is open to the public.

Visit lakesidesurf.com for more information and a schedule of events.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Benefit concert for Only7Seconds

Chelan Valley Farms will host a benefit concert for Only7Seconds on Sunday, September 1, from 12 to 4 p.m.

"Join us for our Fall kickoff, featuring band, The Carlile Family Band," the event page states.

"We invite you to join us at the farm in support of teen health as we partner with Only7Seconds."

All ticket sale proceeds will support Only7Seconds, a non-profit that aims to "Inspire intentional connections by empowering people and equipping partners through our established programs and resources."

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit chelanvalleyfarms.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

pluralistic 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 differences

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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Chelan Fire and Rescue

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for two-minute turnouts and nine-minute responses. The average response to the brush/grass fires was six minutes.

"We can do better, but a lot of those were mutual aid calls," said Asher.

"Those are not a full response from our fire district unless it is Entiat or Manson."

Commissioner Karyl Oules spoke for many when she complimented the department for the

"I have people who get hold of me and ask, 'How can we thank you?'" said Oules.

"What would be important that I can tell these people that would show their appreciation for what you are doing 'cause you're kickin' a..."

Oules cited the August 20 response to the Stayman Flats fire as "a prime example of what's been happening all year," said Oules. "It's impressive, very impressive. I thank you, and I know the public does."

"I agree," said Commissioner Russ Jones. "The community is feeling pretty good about our fire department right now, and yesterday was just another example of a great show. Hitting them fast and hitting them hard is paying off."

"Just remember these times," said Asher. "And support us when we need it."

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Forest Service to host wildland firefighter hiring event in Wenatchee

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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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Manson launches downtown facelift

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MANSON – The community of Manson is undergoing a downtown revitalization project spearheaded by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The multi-phase initiative, which began in 2023, aims to rejuvenate the historic downtown corridor.

Phase 1, funded by a Chelan County grant for capital improvements, saw the removal of neglected trees along the sidewalks from Wapato Point Parkway to Pedoi Street.

Phase 2 is now underway, with contracts awarded to local businesses. Antonio's Landscaping & Rock Walls of Manson has been tasked with hardscaping tree beds and

planter areas, cleaning sidewalks, relocating garbage cans, and installing new benches.

Concurrently, American Quality Coatings from Wenatchee will refurbish the existing green light poles.

The project's inception followed two community forums hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. A volunteer team, including Timi Starkweather, Tom Tochterman, and Kim Ustanik, developed the plan. Gerry Ustanik has taken on the role of project manager, coordinating both paid contractors and volunteers. As an unincorporated area, Manson lacks the municipal resources typically available to cities.

The Chamber of Commerce has stepped in to fill this gap, relying heavily on volunteer

efforts to drive community improvements. Chamber officials report positive cooperation from Chelan County staff and enthusiasm from local contractors.

The organization is already looking ahead to future phases of the project, with plans to further enhance the downtown area. Residents and visitors are encouraged to stay alert for ongoing developments in Manson's downtown core as the revitalization effort progresses.



COURTESY OF MANSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Workers from Antonio's Landscaping & Rock Walls stand ready with tools in downtown Manson as part of the community's revitalization project. From left: Gustavo, Beto, and Rendi pose near a decorative wall feature, representing the local effort to refresh the town's core. The team is tasked with hardscaping, sidewalk cleaning, and bench installation in Phase 2 of the Chamber of Commerce-led initiative.

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 pickleball-brackets.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) auto-

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Chelan County Sheriff Report

August 17

- 0:02:39 Assault, Sr 150 & Howser Rd
- 1:19:30 Suspicious, 409 W Manson Rd; Lakeshore
- 2:43:43 Dui, No See Um Roundabout
- 9:13:00 Accident Injury, 55 Summit Blvd, Manson
- 9:24:41 Traffic Offense, Sr 150 & Lenore Dr
- 10:29:39 Noise, 165 Willow Point Rd
- 11:37:32 Parking/Abandon, 165 Willow Point Rd
- 12:41:38 Parking/Abandon, 100blk S Evergreen St
- 14:06:57 Marine, 1228 W Woodin Ave; Lake Chelan
- 15:12:46 Trespass, 300 S Madeline Rd
- 15:41:51 AtL/Atc, 1230 W Woodin Ave# A
- 18:10:34 Marine, 1228 W Woodin Ave; Lake Chelan
- 20:30:51 Robbery, 316 E Okanogan Ave
- 21:28:56 Assist Public, 440 Sr 150; Leffler Field
- 21:56:48 Hazard, 1056 E Woodin Ave
- 22:10:26 Noise, 375 Roses Ave, Manson
- 22:10:57 Noise, 1099 N Bradley St
- 22:14:12 Hazard, No See Um Roundabout
- 22:22:57 Noise, 620 N Emerson St

- 15:37:53 Accident Link, 11300blk S Lakeshore Rd
- 17:31:25 Sex Offense, 102 Water-slide Dr, Slidewaters
- 17:45:59 Parking/Abandon, Boyd Loop Rd Mp 4
- 17:53:19 Assist Public, 502 W Manson Rd
- 18:41:19 Accident No Inj, 11500blk S Lakeshore Rd
- 19:20:21 Traffic Offense, E Wapato Ave & S Clifford
- 19:55:31 Hazard, 11300 S Lakeshore Rd
- 20:12:28 Weapons Violati, 410 Strada Della Vis
- 20:43:13 Noise, 2441 Sr 150; Lake View Mob Mason

August 20

- 7:45:38 Theft, 168 Wapato Ct; Manson Bay
- 9:21:02 Parking/Abandon, 1800blk W Woodin Ave
- 9:38:03 Court Order Via, 11515 Mud Creek Rd, Entiat
- 9:42:26 Civil, 10 Minneapolis Beach Rd
- 9:46:47 Fraud/Forgery, 475 Totem Pole Rd, Manson
- 12:10:56 Littering, 2150 Entiat Way; Entiat
- 12:24:30 Welfare Check, 222 Mystic Creek Ln
- 13:20:19 Accident No Inj, 1324 W Woodin Ave
- 13:42:59 Alarm, 3225 Us Hwy 97a, Chelan
- 13:46:58 Theft, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 14:14:45 Alarm, 3940 Us Hwy 97a; Bud & San
- 15:52:45 Welfare Check, 25 Wapato Point Pkwy
- 16:08:22 Trespass, 94 Wapato Point Pkwy# B
- 16:38:09 Accident No Inj, 100blk Butte Rd
- 16:41:14 Harass/Threat, 10blk Pedoi St, Manson
- 16:41:21 Accident No Inj, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 19:51:59 Marine, Lake Chelan Outside City
- 20:18:02 Welfare Check, 80 Wapato Way; Manson
- 21:06:27 911, 104 W Woodin Ave; Campbell
- 21:20:02 Dui, 417 Manson Blvd, Highland Ave
- 21:54:36 Vehicle Theft, 1 Wapato Point Pkwy; Wapato

August 18

- 3:24:39 Dui, 485 W Manson Rd; Don Morse
- 6:55:38 Hazard, Totem Pole Rd & Hill St, Manson
- 7:10:16 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 97a Mp 238
- 8:32:04 AtL/Atc, -120.7797, 48.1304
- 8:37:54 Marine, 574 S Lakeshore Rd
- 9:14:23 Parking/Abandon, Long Dr & Putter Pl
- 10:47:31 Property, 113 S Emerson St
- 11:11:39 Trespass, 1350 W Woodin Ave; Sunset
- 11:36:37 Trespass, 11825 Entiat River Rd, Entiat
- 12:58:07 Accident No Inj, 610 Sr 150; Manson Bay
- 13:07:32 Assist Agency, 505 E Highland Ave
- 15:06:57 Marine, 2230 W Terrace Ave



August 21

- 10:17:28 Parking/Abandon, 300blk S Bradley St
- 10:35:27 Civil, 10 Minneapolis Beach Rd
- 10:43:56 Assist Agency, 30 Ruth-erford Ln, Manson
- 12:31:42 Scam, 207 N Emerson St, Chofc
- 13:56:21 Disturbance, 620 N Emerson St
- 13:59:05 Burglary, 2790 First Creek Rd
- 14:50:08 Accident No Inj, 310 W Manson Rd; Red Apple
- 14:51:06 Theft, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 15:15:56 Theft, 14100blk Olin St, Entiat
- 15:22:16 Scam, 906 Sunrise Dr, Manson
- 15:36:55 Suspicious, 117 E Wapato Ave; Riverwalk
- 19:15:50 Theft, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 21:17:01 Traffic Offense, W Manson Rd & W Nixon Ave
- 21:28:57 Juvenile Proble, 5800 Crum Canyon Rd, Entiat
- 22:29:22 Suspicious, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 23:29:53 Burglary, 91 Wapato Way; Old Gas Station

August 22

- 9:19:55 Assist Public, Chelan
- 10:12:27 Traffic Offense, Sr 150 & Scout Ln, Manson
- 10:15:30 911, 104 Spader Bay Rd; Spader
- 10:41:44 Court Order Vio, 142 Walnut St, Chelan Fall
- 12:23:23 Accident No Inj, Sr 150 & S Apple Blossom Dr
- 12:43:09 Parking/Abandon, 1675 Winesap Ave, Manson
- 13:24:44 Accident No Inj, Sr 150 & Anderson Rd
- 14:15:14 Animal Problem, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 14:30:55 Accident Unk, 104 W Woodin Ave; Campbell
- 15:32:11 Accident Injury, -120.024056, 47.825947
- 15:54:31 Traffic Offense, 407 E Woodin Ave; Morgen Och
- 18:09:11 Sex Offense, 67 Wapato Lake Rd; Colville Manson
- 18:38:06 Noise, 270 Upper Joe Creek Rd; Manson
- 19:23:37 Vehicle Theft, 232 E Wapato Ave
- 19:24:06 Domestic Distur, 2117 Lakeshore Dr Spc 14, Entiat
- 19:32:38 Welfare Check, 434 E Nixon Ave, Chelan,
- 20:19:25 Traffic Offense, 502 W Manson Rd; Company
- 23:25:39 Scam, 295 Wells Ave, Manson

Community Bulletin Board

Local, Regional Community News & Events

Meetings

Monday

American Legion #108: First Monday, 7 p.m. (Sept. 9 this month), Manson Parks & Recreation Building, 142 Pedoi 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 Pedoi St.

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

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able 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.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS / 1-800-733-2767.

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 sched-

ule an appointment. Or visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest Hope news and updates @ChelanValleyHope.

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

Mildred Schmidt

Mildred Schmidt, 94, of Chelan, Washington passed away on August 16, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Linda Lindgren

Linda Lindgren, 80, of Chelan, Washington passed away on August 18, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

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How to avoid and remove ticks



When my husband Charlie saw a tick on our garage floor last week, he tried to smash it with his shoe, but it kept crawling away.

"Honey, there's a tick on the garage floor. It must have come in on one of the dogs!" "Okay, I'll check them right now!"

Lurking on knee-high grasses, brush, and trees year-round, waiting to latch on to a deer, dog, or human, ticks can survive up to 2 years between blood meals.

The Pacific Northwest has 3 species of ticks that can transmit disease to humans. Rocky Mountain spotted fever is transmitted from a Brown dog or Rocky Mountain wood tick. The Western black-legged tick carries Lyme disease.

Those aren't the only diseases ticks can transmit. According to Rebecca Eisen, a research biologist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the CDC), "Tick-borne diseases are on the rise."

The CDC is seeing more cases of tick-transmitted diseases like Powassan disease, a serious, potentially fatal nerve infection caused by a virus carried by tick saliva.

Living in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains for over 30 years, I have tried nearly every method of tick removal. Many of the removal methods are WORTHLESS.

I can honestly say, "Never use Vaseline®. Even if it worked to get the tick to wiggle out (which it doesn't), the tick becomes so slippery that you can't grip it with your tweezers to remove it."

It's the same issue with using nail polish to "smother" the tick. Dabbing on nail polish makes it super slippery, and unless you have nail polish remover nearby to remove the gooey residue, heaven help you.

Several years ago, my friend Denise and I read on the internet about using liquid dish detergent to remove a tick.

"Well, it sounds like it MIGHT be useful someday, like knowing 48 ways to reuse fabric softener dryer sheets... or maybe not."

One summer day, Denise found a tick on my 6-year-old Scottie, Jamie. Jamie was a gentle soul nicknamed "Spook" because he was black, hated loud noises, and lurked under kitchen chairs.

Denise first tried brushing off the dreaded tick, but no luck there. Then she got out the tweezers to pluck it off. Unfortunately, Jamie wouldn't stay still long enough for her to grab it, so desperate, we tried the Dawn® dish soap trick.

We put a small dab of liquid Dawn® on Jamie's neck, right where the tick sat. To our amazement, it immediately began a frantic backstroke and was completely out within moments. We only had to wipe it off with a tissue. AMAZING.

Sadly, the Dawn® liquid dish detergent trick doesn't always work.

My current go-to tick removal method is a tool called the Tick Tornado. Unlike tweezers, which squeeze the tick, the Tick Tornado hooks underneath it to pull it out safely.

I prefer using a two-step process for removing a tick. First, I use a dab of Dawn® liquid dish detergent, which also cleanses the area.

If that is unsuccessful, I wipe off the detergent and get out my Tick Tornado tool. If you only have tweezers, grab the tick as close to the skin as you can. Pull up, DON'T JERK.

Here are 5 Tips to Reduce Your Risk of Tick-Borne Illness:

1. Avoid brushy, woody areas or tall grass. Walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with branches or leaves where ticks get brushed

off by deer, waiting patiently for their next warm-blooded meal: you.

2. Check for ticks frequently. Every spring, our dogs get a "summer cut" to keep their hair short, especially around their faces. This makes checking for ticks much faster and easier.

We do "tick checks" on each dog after every long walk and a complete nose-to-tail check EVERY NIGHT, looking for "freckles" and feeling for bumps.

3. Wear light-colored clothing. Light colors help you see ticks more easily. Wearing long-sleeved shirts and tucking your pants into your boots also limits a tick's access to your skin (and blood).

4. Check yourself and your pets after hiking. When you get home from an outing where you could be exposed to ticks, such as tall grass, woody, or brushy areas, shower within 2 hours for your best chance of rinsing off ticks or finding them before they dig in.

5. Avoid jerking or tugging during tick removal. Pull upward nice and STEADY, up, up UP with your tweezers or tick removal tool. This makes it less likely for tick body parts to break off inside the skin.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 45-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog, TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2024 Louise Achey

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.communityskilling.org/partner/newtech. 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@newtech.org or 509-661-9000.

Genealogical Society to host nationally recognized speaker on organization

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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 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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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

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 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 glass-

blower 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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TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA
Craig Sorensen and Jori Delvo create handmade glass in their high-tech customized studio along US-2.

Secretary of State orders statewide recount for Commissioner of Public Lands race

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OLYMPIA – The Office of the Secretary of State has certified the results of the August 6 Primary and ordered a mandatory statewide manual recount for the Commissioner of Public Lands race. The recount, which began in counties across Washington on Monday, August 26, comes in response to the closest statewide primary race in state history.

Assistant Secretary of State Kevin McMahan announced Thursday that Democrat Dave Upthegrove narrowly defeated Republican Sue Kuehl Pederson for second place by just 51 votes out of nearly 800,000 cast – a margin of 0.0064%. The winner will face Republican Jamie Herrera Beutler, the top vote-getter, in the November 5 General Election.

“We are confident our election officials and workers throughout the state’s 39 county election offices administered an accurate and reliable election for all Washingtonians,” McMahan said.

“The mandatory recount underscores the importance of every vote and reaffirms our commitment to ensuring accurate election results.”

State law requires a manual recount when the difference

between candidates is less than one-quarter of 1% and fewer than 1,000 votes.

According to state administrative rules, all counties will certify their recount results on September 3, with the Secretary of State’s office certifying statewide results on September 4.

The 2024 primary saw a turnout of 40.9%, with more than 1.9 million Washingtonians participating out of 4.8 million registered voters.

This turnout is consistent with the 2022 primary but lower than the 54.4% turnout in 2020.

As counties conduct their recounts, election officials are urging patience.

“We ask for everyone’s patience as county election officials administer the manual recount to ensure that the intent of every voter is accurately heard,” McMahan added.

The state will reimburse counties for all costs associated with this mandatory recount, as per state law.

Voters can find more information about the recount process on the Secretary of State’s Elections website.

The Office also reminded voters that ballots for the November 5 General Election will be mailed by October 18, with October 28 as the deadline for online and mail registrations.

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



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

months ago and practice on our field because those kinds of practices aren’t done usually at 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 attendees 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

“Shake & Bake”

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matic 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, Winegirl Wines, Mountain View Lodge, 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino, and The Lookout Lakeside Village.

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.

Will Nilles: (509) 731-3211 or will@ward.media

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.

Two arrested in gang-related shooting investigation in Douglas County

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BRIDGEPORT – Authorities in Douglas County have arrested two men in connection with a gang-related shooting incident that occurred earlier this month.

The Douglas County Sheriff’s Office reported that on August 11, around 11:17 p.m., multiple reports of gunfire were received near State Route 173 on the Bridgeport Bar, approximately 5 miles outside of Bridgeport.

Investigators determined the incident was likely gang-related, involving two opposing factions.

Following an extensive investigation, law enforcement executed two high-risk search warrants at separate locations simultaneously on August 21 at about 4:00 a.m.

The operations resulted in two arrests and the recovery of firearms and ammunition, including stolen weapons.

Rosendo Saucedo Jr., 28, of Bridgeport, was arrested on charges of drive-by shooting, unlawful possession of a firearm in the second degree, two counts of assault in the

first degree, and violation of a domestic violence protection order with two prior convictions.

Ivan Garcia-Ramirez, 29, from the Bridgeport Bar area, was taken into custody for obstructing a law enforcement officer and making false or misleading statements to a public servant.

A third suspect, identified as Ruben Garcia-Ramirez, remains at large. An arrest warrant has been issued for him on multiple charges, including unlawful possession of a firearm, assault, reckless endangerment, and weapons-related offenses.

Sheriff Kevin W. Morris expressed gratitude to numerous agencies that assisted in the operation, including several SWAT teams, federal agencies, and local law enforcement departments.

According to Morris, multi-agency cooperation was crucial in executing the high-risk warrants safely.

Authorities are urging anyone with information on Ruben Garcia-Ramirez’s whereabouts to contact the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office Tip line at (509) 699-3283.

Davis Shows nears four decades of Chelan County Fair carnival fun

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – When the Chelan County Fair opens on Sept. 5, visitors will be treated to both new experiences and some familiar traditions. Among the latter is Davis Shows Northwest (davissnowsnw.com), a regular Chelan fixture for nearly four decades.

Davis Shows Northwest, a family-oriented traveling carnival, is owned and operated by Pat and Geraldine Davis.

Pat's parents, Mannie and Melba Davis, opened Davis Amusement Company in 1950 and passed on to their children the family tradition of providing quality rides and games in a carnival atmosphere.

Every year from March through September, Davis Shows comes to fairgrounds, shopping centers, and other prime locations all over Washington and Oregon, with some locations in Nevada and Idaho.

"We do some winter rentals around Christmas," said Davius. "I believe we go back up to Leavenworth over the Oktoberfest."

Much has happened since the fourth-generation traveling entertainment specialists first set up their carnival in Chelan.

Financial challenges, including the economic meltdowns in 2008 and 2020, plus the 2020-2023 COVID pandemic, precipitated a culling of competitors who either did not or would not make the necessary adjustments to their operations to weather the shakeout.

"We ran two full units prior to COVID," said owner Pat Davis. "We dropped the second unit because of expenses, and we could not find the labor. We cut out a bunch of routes."

Among those was a longtime favorite, the Omak Stampede.

"I really loved Omak," said Davis, explaining the tough decision to downsize, condense, and streamline the route.

"We went from Redmond in Central Oregon to Omak, and that's a couple of hundred-mile jump, said Davis. "Now we go from Redmond to Hermiston - comparable in size to Omak - and then to Moses Lake.

To find the reliable labor needed Davis sourced foreign help.



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"We have about 55 H-2B foreign workers, brought in on visas, not illegals," said Davis. "They are a Godsend because we would be a much smaller operation or out of business without them."

On the logistics side, Davis runs about 30 vehicles, including pickups, straight trucks, and long trucks. Sometimes other trucks are hired, or Davis trucks double back to move large venues like Kennebec.

"Kennebec (Benton-Franklin Fair & Rodeo) is our largest location where we move about 75 loads," Davis said.

Added to the higher costs of over-the-road wages, insurance, and fuel are the supply



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chain delays that remain part of the COVID hangover.

"Whether it's a ride or a truck or a hydraulic pump, years past, you could once pull one off the store shelf," said Davis.

"Now it's an order of weeks or months. Ride manufacturers are two years out."

Davis has been waiting for more than a year for one of his orders from the prime canvas company that supplies tops for amusement devices.

"It was ordered a year ago," said Davis. "Now they are telling me November, which is after we are done for the season. Those are not cheap, like three times what they used

to be."

When Davis inquired about the cause for the delay the one-word answer was: labor.

Davis said even big chains like URM or Cash & Carry are not carrying supplies in quantities of pre-pandemic years.

While downsizing and streamlining keep Davis in the game, chasing profitability remains a priority.

"Most of our contracts are for five years, and we go back to the same places for the most part," said Davis.

The carnival rides are close to holding their own, but those expenses are much higher. The games are off continually and have been for the past two years.

"There were less last year than the year before, and they are less again now," said Davis. "Whether it's adjusting back to pre-COVID, whether it's election year, or whether people just do not have the money, they will spend money on the rides but not so much for the games."

In contrast, Davis recalls the spending uptick during the pandemic.

"The year after COVID, we grossed huge money in games, rides, and food only because they had all that government money they were getting free," said Davis. "Now about a third of the money - and sometimes more - comes in on credit cards which did not used to be the case."

Meanwhile, carnival operations continue to fold the tents. Word in the industry predicts a couple more will pack it in this year.

"There are only four carnivals serving the area," said Davis. "We get calls several times a month from spots looking for a replacement carnival, or they have been out of a carnival for a few years."

Davis said his family has other sources of income and is financially stable.

"We do not have to do this," said Davis. "We still do it by choice. I'm 67 and am still playing two locations that I played before I was born. I have two sons, so we will see what they want to do."

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Local girl who brightened lives of cancer patients now needs your encouragement

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CASHMERE – After spreading joy to children battling cancer, 12-year-old Paelyn Lueondee, now undergoing gene therapy for a rare blood disorder, is in need of some encouragement herself.

In the spring, Paelyn teamed up with Happy Letters founder Traci Pierson to spread joy and encouragement to kids fighting cancer through a Happy Letters drive and a book drive.

Happy Letters is a Cashmere based nonprofit that encourages children (and adults, too) to spread happiness by creating drawings and messages using their creativity to brighten the day of those in need.

The duo collected 1,700 Happy Letters and over 400 Happy Letter Book Packets, which they delivered to Seattle Children's Wenatchee Clinic, Seattle Children's, Confluence Health Pediatrics, and several local cancer care facilities.

But now, Paelyn is at Seattle Children's Hospital undergoing gene therapy to treat the blood disorder she was born with, which required her to get blood transfusions every three to four weeks since she was four years old.

"After months of anticipation, Paelyn is relieved that the treatment has finally begun," her mom, Alysa Lueondee, said. "The wait was emotionally taxing, but now the process



Paelyn Lueondee and Happy Letter's founder Traci Pierson collected 1,700 Happy Letters for kids with cancer.

is underway.

"Currently, she is enduring significant side effects from the chemotherapy, which is causing her considerable pain," she said.

"We constantly remind her of the goal ahead – the prospect of being cured and free from transfusions in the near future," Alysa said. "As her caregiver, my focus is on keeping her spirits up throughout this challenging hospital stay."

As she faces the challenges of her treatment, her family is asking the community to send her letters and cards of encouragement to lift her spirits during this difficult time.

"Paelyn is facing a lot right now with the transplant procedures, struggling with side effects, and being far from home and away from family and friends," Pierson said. "She could really use some encouragement from our community."

"She was so dedicated to spreading kindness to kids at Children's Hospital and Clinic; now it's our turn to spread kind-

ness to Paelyn and show her how much we care," Pierson said. "Your support and encouragement will brighten Paelyn's day and will truly lift her spirits."

The inpatient portion of her treatment is about six weeks long. After discharge, she will remain in Seattle for 90 days, residing at the Ronald McDonald House to stay close to her medical team for ongoing monitoring and care.

"Paelyn was admitted to Seattle Children's Hospital on July 26, where she received a potent chemotherapy regimen designed to eliminate her bone marrow cells," Alysa said. "Two days later, she underwent a re-infusion of her own cells, which had been modified by Bluebird Bio to become healthy and functional."

"At this stage, our focus is on managing her pain and awaiting the arrival of these new cells in her bone marrow, where they will hopefully begin to thrive and multiply," Alysa said.

"It breaks my heart to see the struggles Paelyn faces every day, but she pushes through knowing the end result will help her to get better," Pierson said. "She is one tough girl. I am so incredibly proud of her and her family."

Alysa and her husband, Plaimanus, have been alternating weeks at the hospital to manage the emotional and physical toll of caregiving and to have time with their son, Alan.

Alan, Paelyn's little brother, has struggled with feeling jealous of all the attention she is receiving.

"We're doing our best to give him extra attention and reassurance, recognizing that this situation is tough on everyone," Alysa said. "My sister, Ashley Bangs, who lives in Cashmere, has been a tremendous help with meals and looking after Alan. Additionally, my mother has come from Chicago to support Paelyn and us during her two-week visit."

To help pass the time Paelyn connects with friends through video calls and online games, and has regular visits from an art therapist and a tutor. She does gentle exercise everyday to help her physical and mental well being, Alysa said.

When she feels well enough, Paelyn likes drawing, painting, or making friendship bracelets as a creative outlet.

"Paelyn has demonstrated remarkable strength throughout this entire journey," Alysa said. "She is fully committed to her healing process, rarely expressing complaints despite the challenges she faces. Her resilience is matched by her compassionate spirit; she remains dedicated to giving back and supporting other children in need, even while navigating her own difficulties."

However, Paelyn often feels isolated and disconnected during this difficult time, especially as she faces missing the start of school with her peers.



Paelyn Lueondee, 12, holds a Happy Letters Book Packet. In the spring, Paelyn teamed up with Happy Letters founder Traci Pierson to spread joy and encouragement to kids fighting cancer through a Happy Letters drive and a book drive.

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"Letters that remind her she is missed and show that people are rooting for her would be incredibly meaningful and uplifting for her," Alysa said.

You can create a Happy Letter for Paelyn at Weeds Cafe, That Pizza Place, and the Cashmere Library, or send letters directly to her through Happy Letters to Attn: Paelyn at PO Box 201, Cashmere, WA 98815. Happy Letters will ensure all letters and cards reach Paelyn, whether she's at Children's Hospital or Ronald McDonald House, Pierson said.

Those who wish to contribute to her GoFundMe account may do so at <https://gofund.me/552d9667>.

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Paelyn Lueondee teamed up with Happy Letters to collect books and letters of encouragement for children facing cancer.



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Paelyn Lueondee is currently undergoing gene therapy at Seattle Children's to treat the rare blood disorder she was born with. She is struggling with side effects from the chemo and feeling isolated from family and friends. Her family, along with Happy Letter's founder Traci Pierson, is asking the community to send letters of encouragement to Paelyn to help lift her spirits.

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