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## Students return to classrooms in Cascade School District



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Exchange students Jesper Koorstra, Janice Chiang, and Chiang's host parent, Mercy Rome, meet English teacher Mrs. Weil.



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Cascade High School students and parents get oriented during an open house.

**By TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – School is back in session for Cascade School District (CSD). Students arrived for their first day of the 2024-2025 school year on Aug. 27.

At Peshastin-Dryden Elementary (PD), which hosts Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through second grade, students took photos with the

bear cub sculpture, greeted friends, and were welcomed by Principal Emily Ross at the door.

“We’re really, really, really excited to start the year off, and we can’t wait to meet all of our littlest learners and start their foundation strong,” said Ross.

Each year, Ross has the students focus on practicing positive character traits. At the beginning of this school year, the focus is kindness.

“We are nervous and we’re excited. We love the school, and we can’t wait to meet new people, and we’re excited that Mrs. Ross is having us focus on kindness,” said parent Lacy Tipton-Haggerty, on behalf of her first grade student.

At Cascade High School (CHS), Aug. 27 was the last first day for its seniors, but an exciting first for its incoming freshmen, exchange students, and principal. Former Icicle

River Middle School Principal James Swanson began his first day as the new CHS principal.

“I have loved my middle school experience and appreciate all of my years here and in my former district. I have spent my entire teaching career at the high school level and am excited to get back to this level. I feel like I belong here,” said Swanson.

CHS students and their parents prepared for the upcoming year by

attending the CHS open house the night before. Exchange students Janice Chiang from Taiwan and Jesper Koorstra from the Netherlands were able to meet their English teacher Jill Weil.

“I think it will be a whole different experience, especially with taking classes that I’m not able to take in my home country,” said Jesper

See **CASCADE SCHOOL** Page **B4**

## Leavenworth hosts grand reopening of new, inclusive Osborn playground



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Bill Bauer, former teacher and elected city official, speaks to the crowd.



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Dozens of kids ran onto the playground shortly after the ribbon cutting.

**By TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Dozens gathered at the Osborn Elementary School to celebrate the grand reopening of the newly renovated playground on Aug. 30.

“It’s wonderful to see it come

together, and a beautiful testament to the work we put in and the city’s support, and it’s exciting to see everybody here enjoying it, and lots of ages too...[It’s] a place for people to gather,” said Neighborhood Playground Committee’s Maggie Richter.

The new design was led by

the Neighborhood Playground Committee, with the help of feedback provided by city residents through public surveys. It features community chosen play structures, as well as exercise equipment for adults to use. Its rubber surfacing

See **OSBORN PLAYGROUND** Page **B4**

## Ski Hill to celebrate end of summer, raise money for ADA restroom facility



COURTESY OF LWSC

The 2023 Loos 4 the Lodge event.



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This year’s event will also have a dance party.

**By TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Leavenworth Winter Sports Club (LWSC) is celebrating the end of summer with its third Loos 4 the Lodge event on Sept. 7, from 3:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the Ski Hill Lodge’s ADA Restroom Facility Project, which will

offer accessibility, larger capacity during busy events, and covered outdoor patio space. LWSC hopes to raise at least \$30,000 at the event.

“I think that, especially local families, will enjoy having better access to a bathroom where they can help take their kids in and out of, and not have it be super tight. Also, with

See **SKI HILL** Page **B4**

## Local nonprofits ensure continuation of CSD K-8 art programs in 2024-2025 school year

**By TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Through a collaborative “Save the K-8 Art Teachers” effort, Village Art in the Park (VAP) and Icicle Creek Center for the Arts (ICCA) were able to support the salaries of two art teachers and \$6,000 worth of art supplies for Peshastin-Dryden Elementary, Alpine Lakes Elementary, and Icicle River Middle School for the 2024-2025 school year.



COURTESY OF VILLAGE ART IN THE PARK

CSD students created thank you posters for both VAP and ICCA.

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### Local Heroes Storytime

The Leavenworth Library will host a Local Heroes Storytime at the Farmers Market on Saturday, September 7, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lions Club Park.

"Meet you under the big tree at Lions Club Park," the event page states. "Come join us and our special "local hero" guests as they share some of their favorite children's books at storytime. Bring your own blanket, or just find a patch of grass in the shade. You're sure to run into some friends."

For more information, visit [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org).

### Live music by Sean Lewis

Silvara Cellars will host live music by Sean Lewis on Saturday, September 7, from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

"Sean plays a wide range of acoustic-guitar and vocal music that spans decades

ranging from the Beatles, Peter Frampton, the Eagles, Pink Floyd, CCR and Neil Young to John Mayer, Jason Mraz, David Gray, Jack Johnson, Maroon5, Train and lots more."

For more information, visit [silvarawine.com](http://silvarawine.com).

### Hawk Watching

The Wenatchee River Institute will host a Hawk Watching birding trip to Sugarloaf Peak on Saturday, September 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"September is a great time to observe migration of all types of birds, especially hawks and raptors," the event page states. "These captivating predators are best observed from high ridges. For this birding trip, we will meet at WRI and load up in our van for a one-hour drive up to Sugarloaf Peak."

"You'll learn about these fascinating birds and their

migration from WRI Educator Tucker Jonas, and ornithologist Neil Paprocki," the event page states. "Plan to sit on rocks and hang out near the summit for about 3 hours."

To register and for more information, visit [wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](http://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org).

### Live music by Angela Waggoner

A Taste Of Icicle Ridge Winery will host live music by Angela Waggoner on Tuesday, September 10, 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. "We welcome you to join us for a brand new event in downtown Leavenworth."

For more information, visit [icicleridgewinery.com](http://icicleridgewinery.com).

### 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 11, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 9/11 Spirit of America Memorial in Cashmere.

"You are invited to join hundreds of first responders, military veterans, airline personnel, and people from

around the region while attending our annual event," the event page states.

"Our mission is to provide an eternal place of honor for all who lost their lives and all who responded on 09/11/2001, including the millions of Americans who came together worldwide in unity and strength to ensure that freedom and liberty prevail together," the website states.

For more information, visit [911memorialwa.org](http://911memorialwa.org).

## Chelan PUD holds public meeting in Leavenworth on proposed rate increase extension

By TAYLOR CALDWELL  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Chelan County PUD is considering extending its current rate plan of three to four percent annual rate increases for an additional two years to address the rising cost of providing service.

The rate plan started under the 2020-2024 strategic plan, with a four percent annual increase in water rates, a four percent annual increase in wastewater rates, and a three percent annual increase in electricity rates. If the extension were adopted, this rate schedule would continue in June 2025 and June 2026.

According to the PUD, under the two-year extension, average-use residential customers would see a \$2 increase in their monthly electric bill, a \$3 increase in their monthly water bill, and a \$3.75 to \$3.90 increase in their monthly wastewater bill each year.

If adopted, the discount offered to low-income seniors and people with disabilities would also increase to between \$11 and \$13.50 a month, effective June 2025.

The incremental increase aims to lessen the gap between

customer rates and service costs. According to the PUD, the cost to generate electricity increased from \$100 per month per customer to \$153 per month between 2018 and 2024, and the average customer bill rose from \$55 to \$66 per month.

During an Aug. 27 public meeting in Leavenworth, the PUD stated that the average cost growth in all of its systems was about 6 percent a year. Common reasons for increased costs were inflation averaging 4.2 percent and negotiated labor cost increases averaging 5.4 percent a year since 2020, as well as non-payroll insurance increasing 35.5 percent in cost from 2023 to 2024, and

post-pandemic supply chain cost increases, such as a distribution transformer tripling in cost.

"We still need to buy the insurance, we still have to change power poles, and we still have to buy transformers, and costs still continue to escalate. So we're going to keep our cost as small as we can, but there are costs," said PUD Commissioner Steve McKenna during the meeting.

Without the adoption of the extension, the PUD proposed that the widening gap would put more pressure and reliance on power sales, and customers would potentially see a larger rate increase in the future.

During the meeting, former

Peshastin Water District (PWD) General Manager Steve Keene raised concerns about the extension affecting Peshastin area customers. The PUD acquired PWD earlier this year, establishing an agreement that PWD customers would pay a rate equalization charge of four percent increases annually for three years, such that revenues would be approximately equal to those forecast under previous PWD plans.

The proposed extension would take the place of the rate equalization charge in 2025 and 2026 and defer it for two years. Meaning, the three-year agreement would conclude in 2028, rather than

2026. Concerned that the changes would draw out the original agreement, Keene requested that the three-year rate equalization charge either remain in place, or that the PUD eliminate the charge and Peshastin customers start paying standard PUD rates if and when the extension goes into effect.

"I have customers that have talked to me in Peshastin that are concerned that, well, once PUD takes over our water system, our rates are just going to go up. Well, that's not true. Our rates were going to go up anyway, but I'm seeing a gap there, and the perception of the customers is that we're getting screwed," said Keene.

The Aug. 26 meeting in Leavenworth was one of three public meetings hosted by Chelan PUD in regard to the rate plan extension. PUD staff will provide a summary of public comment during a rate hearing at the Sept. 16 board of commissioners meeting.

Written comments can be submitted by mail: P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA 98807, or by email: [contactus@chelanpud.org](mailto:contactus@chelanpud.org). Comments should reference the subject as, "2025-2026 Rate Proposal Record Comments."

Commissioners will consider a resolution to adopt the two-year extension on Oct. 7.

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or [taylor@ward.media](mailto:taylor@ward.media)



Attendance was low for Chelan County PUD's Aug. 27 public meeting in Leavenworth.

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## Leavenworth seeks volunteer for design review board

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LEAVENWORTH — The City of Leavenworth is seeking applicants for an open position on its Design Review Board, a citizen advisory group responsible for maintaining the city's distinctive Old-World

Bavarian Alpine theme.

The city announced that it is accepting letters of interest for Position No. 3 on the board, which will begin in October. The selected volunteer will serve the remainder of a four-year term, ending in December 2026.

According to the city's press release, ideal candidates

should possess "a fundamental knowledge of Old-World Bavarian Alpine architecture" or demonstrate experience such as travel or work in Bavaria's Alpine region.

The Design Review Board plays a crucial role in preserving "Leavenworth's aesthetic and economic well-being through

the Old-World Bavarian Alpine Theme," the city stated.

Qualifications for board members include the ability to differentiate between regional design elements and familiarity with Old-World Bavarian design features "such as color, window treatment, murals, overhangs, and building materials."

Interested parties must submit their letters of interest by 4:00 p.m. on September 18.

Applications can be submitted to the City of Leavenworth via email, mail, or in person to City of Leavenworth, Attn: Andrea Fischer, 700 Hwy 2 | PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826 [afischer@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:afischer@cityofleavenworth.com).

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# Leavenworth Community Visioning

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- HOUSING A COMMUNITY  
September 9
- SUSTAINABLE TOURISM  
September 16
- ACCOUNTABLE STEWARDSHIP  
September 23

[cityofleavenworth.com](http://cityofleavenworth.com)

# 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.)  
**Parkinson's Support Group** Mountain Meadows Assisted Living 320 Park Avenue Leavenworth, WA 98826. Event Date, Last Thursday of every month, time 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Contact Cascade Medical 509-548-3420 x 3873  
**Find strength in community**. Join our People with Parkinson's Support Group for valuable connections, shared experiences, and support. Navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and empower each other on this journey. You are not alone. Join us.

## 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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# Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

**AA Meetings:**  
Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946  
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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# Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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

## August 23

15:2:18 Lewd Conduct, 820 Front St: Gazebo Park  
6:22:11 Disturbance, 3496 Hansel Ln  
11:50:16 Animal Problem, 826 Commercial St  
13:10:49 Trespass, 1313 Front St  
13:56:21 911, 917 Commercial St  
15:25:41 Vehicle Theft, Nason Creek, Lake Wenatchee  
20:04:15 Harass/Threat, 829 Front St# B; Mozart's  
20:22:12 Domestic Distur, 185 Us Hwy 2; Fairbridge Inn  
21:09:17 Domestic Distur, 120 Poplar St.  
22:15:02 Accident No Inj, Us Hwy 2 Mp 90, Lake Wenatchee

## August 24

11:02:31missing Person, oblk Icicle Rd  
11:18:55 Animal Problem, Main St & 9th St; Waterfront  
12:35:22 Alarm, 817 Commercial St  
12:50:39 Alarm, 7664 Icicle Rd  
15:02:56 Trespass, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway

15:58:08 Search And Resc, -120.74586, 47.49010  
18:01:59 Parking/Abandon 960 Us Hwy 2  
18:02:07 Accident No Inj 11756 Us Hwy 2; Jerry's Auto  
18:10:18 Atl/Atc, Snow Lakes Trailhead  
20:40:10 Suspicious, 300 Evans St  
22:03:16 Traffic Offense, 221 8th St# B; Ducks And Drakes  
23:04:46 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 97 Mp 182, Peshastin  
23:35:32 Suspicious, 20900blk Lower Chiwawa River

## August 26

9:48:47 Vehicle Prowl, Ingalls Creek, Peshastin  
10:30:57 Sex Offense, Leavenworth Area  
12:46:37 Theft, 810 Us Hwy 2; Bavarian Lodge  
12:55:08 Domestic Distur, 16925 Brown Rd, Lake Wenatchee  
13:04:27 Accident Unk, Shugart Flats Bridge, Plain  
14:00:36 Trespass, 11724 River Bend Dr; Marson  
14:51:17 Animal Problem, 22305

Shetland Rd, Plain

## August 27

2:09:36 Alarm, 15255 Us Hwy 2; Coles Corn  
2:19:37 Alarm, 7375 Icicle Rd; Sleeping Lady  
3:17:12 Alarm, 15255 Us Hwy 2; Coles Corn  
4:18:20 Alarm, 15255 Us Hwy 2; Coles Corn  
5:24:22 Alarm, 15255 Us Hwy 2; Coles Corn  
8:01:56 Court Order Vio, 204 River St  
10:35:13 Property, 820 Front St; Gazebo Park  
14:38:01 Fraud/Forgery, 11425 North Rd  
14:55:45 Vehicle Prowl, Stuart Lake Colchuck Th.  
16:28:53 Warrant, Icicle Rd Mp 5.  
17:20:51 Suicide Threat, Blackbird Island; Area  
21:17:51 Us Hwy 2 Mp 105 Eb, Dryden  
22:51:40 263 Mine St# 113

## August 28

8:56:35 Assist Public, 207 West St

12:01:17 Assist Agency, 21816 Colt Rd, Plain  
13:01:26 911, 590 Us Hwy 2; Enzian Motor  
13:43:46 Civil, oblk Stargazer Ln  
14:28:08 Abuse, 10375 Peshastin Mill Rd  
15:16:04 Vehicle Prowl, Chatter Creek  
16:14:56 Suspicious, 23510 White River Rd, Lake Wenatchee  
17:53:37 Traffic Offense, Chumstick Hwy & Freund Can  
20:04:42 Harass/Threat, 263 Mine St# 108,  
21:28:12 Accident No Inj, Us Hwy 2 & 3rd St  
23:04:54 Hazard, Icicle Rd Mp 10

## August 29

18:10:09 Atl/Atc, Colchuck Lake  
20:17:48 Suspicious, 20945 Lower Chiwawa River  
20:35:46 Hazard, 10300blk Chumstick Hwy  
22:22:31 Parking/Abandon, 9566 E Leavenworth Rd  
22:34:23 Welfare Check, 24602 Spur St, Plain  
23:00:53 Juvenile Proble, 100blk Ski Hill Dr

# Chelan County awards \$1.2M for development, housing projects

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WENATCHEE - Chelan County commissioners have allocated nearly \$1.2 million in grants to support economic development and affordable housing initiatives in the area. The funds, distributed through the Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund (CPIF) grant program, will benefit five local projects.

The CPIF program, now in its fourth year, finances public projects that stimulate business creation, job retention, and affordable housing opportunities within the county. Since its inception in 2021, the program has awarded a total of \$3.7 million.

Commissioner Kevin Overbay emphasized the program's significance, stating, "The CPIF program has allowed us to infuse nearly \$4 million into our local economy in the last four years. The impacts of those monies will spur growth in not only new businesses and jobs but

also home ownership. CPIF dollars really have the capacity to impact our community in a broad and positive way."

The 2024 CPIF grants, totaling \$1,182,000, were awarded to five projects:

1. Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority received \$125,000 for a feasibility study to acquire and develop a property in Manson, potentially creating a joint facility with Link Transit and a small business incubator.
2. Chelan County was granted \$75,000 for the Heartwood Biomass Market Assessment, which will evaluate the feasibility of establishing a biomass utilization campus.
3. The City of Chelan secured \$300,000 to improve its water system capacity through upgrades to the Washington Street Booster Pump Station.
4. The City of Wenatchee was awarded \$400,000 to upgrade existing utilities on a portion of Wenatchee



COURTESY OF COMMON GROUND COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST  
**Construction workers install upgraded sewer connections for the Craik Cottages affordable housing project in Wenatchee. The project, managed by Common Ground Community Housing Trust, received funding from Chelan County's Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund to support the completion of eight cottage homes for low to moderate-income households.**

Avenue to accommodate ongoing development.  
5. Common Ground Housing Trust received \$282,000 to support the completion of eight affordable cottage homes in Wenatchee, targeting households with incomes between 65% and 80% of the area's median income.

The CPIF is funded by existing revenues from the sales-and-use tax for public facilities in rural counties. Applications were reviewed and scored by the CPIF Advisory Committee before final decisions were made by the Board of County Commissioners.

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SOCCER- GIRLS			
Date	Time	Opponent	
Sat, Sep 7	12:00 PM	Ephrata	Away
Tue, Sep 10	6:00 PM	Omak	Home
Thu, Sep 12	4:30 PM	Liberty Bell	Away
Sat, Sep 14	1:00 PM	Toppenish	Home
Tue, Sep 17	4:30 PM	Bridgeport	Away
Thu, Sep 19	5:00 PM	Oroville	Home
Thu, Sep 26	6:00 PM	Quincy	Home
Sat, Sep 28	11:00 AM	Tonasket	Home
Tue, Oct 1	4:30 PM	Pateros	Away
Thu, Oct 3	4:00 PM	Okanogan	Home
Tue, Oct 8	3:30 PM	Omak	Away
Sat, Oct 12	1:00 PM	Bridgeport	Home
Tue, Oct 15	4:00 PM	Chelan	Away
Thu, Oct 17	4:00 PM	Brewster	Away
Tue, Oct 22	6:00 PM	Liberty Bell	Home
Thu, Oct 24	6:00 PM	Chelan	Home

VOLLEYBALL - GIRLS			
Date	Time	Opponent	
Tue, Sep 10	6:30 PM	Thorp	Home
Thu, Sep 12	6:30 PM	Liberty Bell	Home
Tue, Sep 17	5:00 PM	Bridgeport	Away
Thu, Sep 19	6:30 PM	Omak	Home
Tue, Sep 24	6:30 PM	Chelan	Home
Thu, Sep 26	6:30 PM	Brewster	Home
Sat, Sep 28	8:00 AM	Quincy Invitational	Away
Tue, Oct 1	6:30 PM	Chelan	Away
Thu, Oct 3	6:30 PM	Lake Roosevelt	Away
Mon, Oct 7	6:30 PM	Cle Elum-Roslyn	Away
Thu, Oct 10	6:30 PM	Liberty Bell	Away
Sat, Oct 12	2:30 PM	Sultan	Home
Mon, Oct 14	7:00 PM	Kittitas	Away
Tue, Oct 15	6:30 PM	Bridgeport	Home
Thu, Oct 17	6:30 PM	Tonasket	Home
Tue, Oct 22	6:30 PM	Omak	Away
Sat, Oct 26	1:00 PM	Omak	Away

FOOTBALL			
Date	Time	Opponent	
Fri, Sep 6	7:00 PM	Liberty Bell	Home
Fri, Sep 20	7:00 PM	Naches Valley	Home
Fri, Sep 27	7:00 PM	Manson	Home - Homecoming
Fri, Oct 4	7:00 PM	Tonasket	Away
Fri, Oct 11	7:00 PM	Brewster	Away
Fri, Oct 18	7:00 PM	Medical Lake	Away
Fri, Oct 25	7:00 PM	Omak	Home
Fri, Nov 1	7:00 PM	Chelan	Away

XC- GIRLS			
Date	Time	Opponent	
Sat, Sep 7	10:00 AM	Ellensburg Invitational Relays	Away
Thu, Sep 12	4:00 PM	Quincy Invitational	Away
Sat, Sep 28	12:45 PM	Leavenworth Invitational	Home
Tue, Oct 15	4:00 PM	Eastmont	Home
Sat, Nov 2	3:15 PM	Districts	Away

XC- BOYS			
Date	Time	Opponent	
Sat, Sep 7	10:00 AM	Ellensburg Invitational Relays	Away
Thu, Sep 12	4:00 PM	Quincy Invitational	Away
Sat, Sep 28	12:45 PM	Leavenworth Invitational	Home
Tue, Oct 15	4:00 PM	Eastmont	Home

## Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority looks to provide ground transport solutions for Pangborn Airport travelers

By: WILL NILLES  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE VALLEY— The Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority (CDRPA) is seeking to improve Pangborn Airport's limited ground transportation options, more efficiently connecting the vital airport's nearby communities to the rest of the world.

The drive to improve the airport's ground transportation options follows the formation of a temporary Air Service Task Force, an entity designed to investigate Pangborn's needs and establish strategic priorities to meet them.

CDRPA Director of Airports Trent Moyers described the important questions that the Air Service Task Force is formed to address.

"What's the level of service that we want to provide here," he asked, "and how do we go about doing that? What are the challenges that we need to face and overcome? Some of them are financial challenges, some of them are operational challenges, but that's really the goal, to look at the level of service we want to be able to provide."

With Air Service Task Force strategic priorities 1 and 2 focusing on the need to recruit flight carriers with more frequent and more affordable flights, strategic priority 3 centers around a major missing piece within the local region as a whole, ground transportation to and from the airport. This issue is especially prominent for travelers arriving at Pangborn Airport late at night and early in the morning, times when on-site car rental businesses are closed.

In the hopes of confronting this issue and providing travelers with a more convenient means of connecting to NCW communities, CDRPA members plan to meet directly with the airport's on-site

Enterprise and Hertz rental agencies and discuss late-night/early morning service options.

"We'll be meeting with the two different car rental companies that are out here," Director Moyers mentioned. "Enterprise and Hertz, in the following week to chat about their operations and see how we can all provide a service that their customers are expecting as well."

The Air Service Task Force isn't solely focused on car rentals. As CDRPA CEO Jim Kuntz explains, the drive to improve Pangborn's ground transit services is multilayered and aims to help both long-distance travelers and those staying in the local area.

"We have a two pronged approach," CEO Kuntz revealed, "one [component] is trying to get the car rental agency counters to be open at midnight, so that people [arriving on a late flight] that want to rent a car have that

option. Today that option doesn't exist. The second component is flyers that might be coming into the valley who don't want to rent a car, but they're trying to get to a hotel, and how do they do that?"

In looking for ways to tackle these issues, the CDRPA board considered various options including the use of Uber or other gig services. However, commissioners raised concerns about the major lack of drivers for these services in the local area, especially during the late and early hours of the day.

"And so the question is," Kuntz proposed, "can we work with a taxi group or some type of transportation where we would know there would be some options available for the travelers coming into the valley?"

Overall, the CDRPA aims to boost Pangborn's local convenience and dependability, cementing the airport as a vital resource for the local region, an airport locals want

to fly out of.

"What we want to do is encourage people to fly out of Wenatchee," Kuntz shared. "And people fly airports that are convenient and cost effective, so we need to position Pangborn as being cost effective and convenient."

Pursuing this massive undertaking, the CDRPA's major goal is to use Pangborn Airport to connect its local NCW communities to the world.

As Director Moyers shares, "The key word is 'connected.' So, connectivity is what's important, if the flights don't line up from here to Seattle to get you connected to the rest of the world, that can be a problem."

For more information about the Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority and its many ambitious projects, visit [cdrpa.org](http://cdrpa.org).

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The CDRPA Board discusses Pangborn Airport's ground transportation needs, considering a variety of different options.

## Bobcat hunters face rule change



A bobcat in Washington.

NCW News  
Ward Media

OLYMPIA — Washington state has new requirements for small game hunters and trappers who harvest bobcats. The requirement that went into effect on September 1 requires hunters to submit the lower jaw of any bobcat harvested as part of the mandatory pelt sealing process.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) finalized this rule update through its most recent season setting process.

Stephanie Landry, WDFW carnivore, furbearer, and small game section manager, said, "WDFW will now collect the lower jaw from bobcats harvested in Washington so we can use the canine teeth to determine the age structure of harvested bobcats and track changes over time."

Landry explained that bobcat canine teeth cannot be removed as easily as the teeth of other species, which necessitates submitting the

entire lower jaw. The data collected during pelt sealing, including the age of harvested bobcats, will allow WDFW to better manage the state's bobcat populations. This process provides an opportunity for hunters and trappers to contribute to bobcat conservation efforts.

Pelts must be sealed by April 20. WDFW advises hunters and trappers to refer to the latest season and regulation information in the Game Bird and Small Game Hunting Regulations or the Furbearer Trapping Regulations.

WDFW has prepared resources to help hunters and trappers comply with these new requirements, including instructions on lower jaw removal and how to request the return of bobcat jaws after canine extraction. These resources are available on WDFW's website.

For more information, hunters and trappers can contact WDFW at [wildthing@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:wildthing@dfw.wa.gov) or 360-902-2515.

## WDFW officers to start wearing body cameras

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OLYMPIA — The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will equip all 152 of its commissioned law enforcement officers with body-worn cameras starting this month.

The program will enhance accountability, transparency, and safety in natural resource law enforcement. It follows a comprehensive review and

trial period that incorporated feedback from officers and stakeholders.

"This program advances our commitment to our core values and our mission to protect our natural resources and the public we serve," said WDFW Police Chief Steve Bear. "Deploying body-worn cameras to our officers will help us build trust and relationships with all communities in Washington."

The initiative's goals include

providing a clear record of interactions, improving communication with the public, deterring misconduct, and offering resources for training.

Funding for the program, totaling \$915,000, was allocated by the Washington State Legislature in the 2023-2025 supplemental operating budget. This allocation was part of a broader effort to support local law enforcement agencies across the state.

## Visiting Artist Series brings free music to local schools

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Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — Iceicle Creek Center for the Arts is launching its Visiting Artist Series with a performance by Wild Prairie Winds on September 14. The series brings world-class performers into local schools, reaching over 6,000 students annually at no cost.

The public will have two opportunities to experience Wild Prairie Winds on September 14. A free preview

will be held at Wenatchee River Institute at 11 a.m., followed by a concert performance at Snowy Owl Theater at 7:30 p.m.

Wild Prairie Winds will spend two days in local school districts, performing and teaching in music programs. Their musical mission focuses on promoting accessible chamber music through community outreach, imaginative programming, and creative concert settings.

The evening performance, "Wandering," will feature

a mixture of classical and contemporary compositions. Tickets for the Snowy Owl Theater concert are \$35 for adults, \$25 for seniors, and \$15 for students.

Wild Prairie Winds specializes in chamber music inspired by the natural beauty of the country, presented in accessible and engaging settings.

For more information about the event and ticket purchases, visit [icicle.org](http://icicle.org)



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON



COURTESY OF RIVERCOM 911  
Aerial view of the 12.7-acre property purchased by RiverCom 911 for \$1,422,400 in East Wenatchee, WA. The site, located at the corner of 5th St NE and N Lyle Ave, will house a new 14,000-square-foot emergency communications center to serve Chelan and Douglas counties.

# RiverCom 911 buys land for new \$1.4M emergency center in East Wenatchee

NCW News  
Ward Media

EAST WENATCHEE — RiverCom 911, the emergency communications center serving Chelan and Douglas counties, has purchased 12.7 acres of land for \$1,422,400 to construct a new facility, the agency announced Thursday.

The property, located at the intersection of 5th Street NE and N Lyle Avenue in East Wenatchee, will house a new 911 Emergency Communications Center. This acquisition comes as RiverCom's current 8,300-square-foot space in the Wenatchee Police Department has become inadequate for the region's growing needs.

A 2019 study determined that RiverCom requires approximately 14,000 square feet to maintain efficient operations. The agency's lease with the City of Wenatchee is set to expire in 2029, further necessitating the move.

Doug Jones, RiverCom Executive Director, said, "We are pleased to take this first step toward a new RiverCom facility for our region. The RiverCom board is committed to creating a state-of-the-art facility that will serve as a hub for emergency communications and coordination for decades to come in service to our valued communities."

The new location was selected for its accessibility, growth

potential, and optimal conditions for radio communications across RiverCom's two-county service area.

RiverCom, established in 2002 and operational since July 2004, serves as the regional 911 point-of-contact for Chelan and Douglas counties. The agency processed approximately 60,000 911 calls in 2023, not including non-emergency calls for service.

As the project moves forward, RiverCom has begun preliminary facility design and cost estimation processes. The new center aims to enhance emergency response services for the growing population of about 115,000 residents across the 4,741 square mile service area.

# NCW Tech Alliance to host digital equity event

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The NCW Tech Alliance will host an event highlighting digital equity and entrepreneurship as part of Digital Equity Month this September. The "Tech Trailblazers Unite" gathering is scheduled for September 10 at Pybus Public Market from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The event features a panel of local entrepreneurs discussing the impact of technology on their businesses. Panelists include Kellie Davies and Savannah Knowlton of Welcome Home

Care, Jon Clark of NCW Woodshop, and Kelley Trim of The Landing Cafe & BBQ.

Over 40 organizations across North Central Washington have pledged support for digital equity initiatives. The alliance will recognize these commitment makers during the event.

Eight municipalities—Brewster, George, Omak, East Wenatchee, Quincy, Moses Lake, Wenatchee, and Leavenworth—have officially proclaimed September as Digital Equity Month.

The event underscores a regional effort to bridge

the gap in digital resources, with participation from diverse entities, including NCW Libraries, Confluence Health, Microsoft, and various community organizations.

Tickets are available at \$10 for NCW Tech Alliance members and \$15 for the general public. Organizations that have made digital equity commitments can attend free of charge.

*The NCW Tech Alliance, a non-profit established in 1999, focuses on fostering technological growth and development in North Central Washington.*

# Rabid bat found at Chelan RV park

NCW News  
Ward Media

EAST WENATCHEE — Health officials have issued an alert after confirming a rabid bat was discovered at a popular camping destination in Chelan County, potentially exposing visitors to the deadly virus.

The Chelan-Douglas Health District (CDHD) announced that a sick bat found on Saturday, August 24, at the Lake Shore RV Park in Chelan has tested positive for rabies. The test results were confirmed on August 27.

"If you, your children, or your pets had contact with a bat in this area, seek medical care and call your local public health district," the CDHD

warned in a news release.

The infected bat was discovered by campers who alerted public health authorities. It remains unclear if the bat was present at the RV park before August 24.

This incident marks the second confirmed case of rabies in a bat in Chelan County this year. Health officials stress the urgency of immediate medical attention following potential exposure.

"Rabies is a fatal disease in both animals and humans," the health district stated. "Infection and death is preventable if appropriate medical care is received immediately after a rabies exposure."

The CDHD has reiterated guidelines for public safety, emphasizing the importance

of observing wildlife from a distance and never handling bats with bare hands.

"Do not touch or handle a wild animal, especially bats," the health district advised. "Teach your children never to touch or handle bats, even dead ones."

Health officials urge anyone who may have had physical contact with a bat at the Lake Shore RV Park to contact their local public health district and seek immediate medical attention.

As the situation develops, the Chelan-Douglas Health District continues to monitor rabies activity in the region and promote public safety measures to minimize the risk of human exposure to the virus.

# Colville Tribes receive \$200,000 grant to study former casino site

NCW News  
Ward Media

OKANOGAN — The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will receive \$200,000 in grant funding to assess the potential redevelopment of the Old Okanogan Casino-Bingo Hall.

The grant is part of a \$2 million initiative by the Washington State Department of Commerce to expand the state's portfolio of project-ready industrial sites and attract manufacturing activity to rural areas.

The funds will support a comprehensive evaluation of the former casino property, including a rail improvement study, electrical feasibility study, traffic analysis,

water supply assessment, wastewater infrastructure assessment, and market study.

This project is one of eight selected across Washington to receive grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$350,000. The initiative aligns with the state's goal to add 300,000 new manufacturing jobs over the next decade, as outlined in the 2021 Building Economic Strength Through Manufacturing (BEST) Act.

Commerce Director Mike Fong said, "We're delighted to award these grants to support some exciting projects envisioned in rural communities around the state. These sites have the potential to attract manufacturers with good jobs that can be a catalyst for additional economic

activity."

The Colville Tribes' project represents an opportunity to repurpose an existing structure for potential industrial or manufacturing use. Specific plans for the site have not been disclosed.

State officials expect these investments to make Washington more competitive in attracting businesses and create economic opportunities in rural areas like Okanogan County.



# North Central Washington child care centers awarded \$400,000 in state renovation grants

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE - Three child care providers in North Central Washington will receive a total of \$400,636 in state grants to improve their facilities, as part of a larger \$7 million initiative to upgrade early learning centers across the state.

The Washington State Department of Commerce announced the grants for minor renovations to enhance health and safety in licensed childcare facilities. The funding comes from the Early Learning Facilities Program, which has awarded more than \$180 million since its inception in 2017.

Cascade Christian Childcare in Wenatchee will receive

\$167,636. We Care Daycare in East Wenatchee will get \$33,000, while the Okanogan School District #105 in Okanogan will receive \$200,000, the largest grant among the three local recipients.


The grants will fund improvements such as updated playground equipment, sanitation spaces, fencing, HVAC upgrades, and light fixtures. The initiative supports critical facilities that provide parents with childcare options and ensure access to high-quality care.

Commerce Director Mike Fong emphasized the importance of these grants, stating, "These grants sustain critical facilities that give parents choices to meet their family's needs and ensure more access

and availability to high-quality child care."

The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, evaluated 179 applications requesting over \$21 million in total. With requests more than triple the available funds, the selection process considered factors such as the number of childcare slots serving low-income families, the project location relative to other early learning facilities, and projects in rural or low-income areas.

This latest round of grants will help maintain and improve childcare access in North Central Washington, supporting both families and local economies in the region.




## PUBLIC MEETING Rate Proposal

Chelan PUD staff will be hosting three public information meetings to discuss the proposed 2-year continuation of the current Electric, Water, and Wastewater rate plans.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sep. 4 at 5:30 p.m.  
PUD Chelan office  
1034 E Woodin Ave.

**Comments and questions about the rate proposals can be sent to [contactus@chelanpud.org](mailto:contactus@chelanpud.org).**



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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Ecology Dept. offers \$10M in grants to combat air pollution

NCW News Ward Media

OLYMPIA—Wenatchee and East Wenatchee have been identified as communities facing significant air quality challenges, particularly from fine particulate matter (PM2.5). The Washington State Department of Ecology has launched a new grant program

to address these concerns. The department is offering \$10 million in grants, funded by the state's Climate Commitment Act (CCA), to support local projects in 16 communities and participating Tribes that are heavily impacted by air pollution. "Designing grant programs for communities, by communities, is part of

the state's growing body of environmental justice work," said Laura Watson, Ecology's director. "That work recognizes everyone has a right to a clean, safe, and healthy environment, and that this can best be achieved by working alongside diverse groups of partners and local community members." The grants aim to fund

planning, community engagement, and development of projects to improve air quality. Eligible projects include supporting free yard waste collection, replacing old residential wood stoves, or incentivizing carpooling. The application period for these grants is open through October 24, 2024. The department will prioritize

applicants with experience in community engagement and projects supporting environmental justice goals. According to the department's statement, "Washington Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Grants are supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act. The CCA supports Washington's

climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health." This initiative represents an opportunity for Wenatchee and East Wenatchee to address their ongoing air quality issues, particularly related to PM2.5 levels.

Leavenworth Women's Exchange to resume luncheons with cybersecurity focus

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

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 arrangements, 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.

Leavenworth seeks applicants for Park and Recreation Board vacancy

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — The City of Leavenworth is seeking applicants for an open position on the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area (PRSA) Board. The vacancy is for the Chumstick Highway Represented Position, a volunteer advisory role for the Special Purpose District. Candidates must reside along the Chumstick Highway

within the PRSA boundaries to be eligible. According to the city's press release, "The PRSA is a voter-approved Special Purpose District (a legal entity separate from the City of Leavenworth) that was formed in 1997 with the primary purpose of funding the reconstruction and maintenance of the community pool." The selected board member will serve for the remainder of 2024, which includes one scheduled meeting in

November. The PRSA Board typically convenes six times annually, with meetings held in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Interested individuals are required to submit a letter of interest by 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024. Applications can be submitted via email, mail, or in person to the City of Leavenworth. The PRSA Board will review submissions at their next meeting on September 12. The position will be up for renewal in January 2025 for a four-year term ending December 2028.

OBITUARY

Julie Ellen (Reed) Farmen



Julie Ellen (Reed) Farmen was born on February 13, 1963, in Selma, Alabama. She died on August 23, 2024 in Port Orchard, Washington. Julie grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan where her parents Doug and Barbara Reed taught school in the Wyoming Public School system. Julie put her faith in Christ as her savior as a young adult and her faith was paramount in all that she did. She graduated from Wyoming Park High School in 1981 and attended Grace Bible College (Grace Christian University) where she got an associate's degree and then went to Grand Rapids Jr. College's dental hygiene program. In 1986 she married Ken Farmen and began a new role as a pastor's wife. She and her husband served at Cascade Mountain Bible Church from 1988-1999. She also practiced dental

hygiene in the Leavenworth office of Dr. Smith and Dr Schiefbein. Julie was a sweet, sensitive person with a huge heart for others. Her Dutch heritage showed itself in her frugal nature, work ethic, hospitality and giving spirit. Her gift giving was her joy. She would shop all year to provide the best gifts for all of her family members, church workers and friends. She exemplified Proverbs 31, "A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." We are devastated by her loss but know that through her faith in Christ she entered into His presence when she departed this earth. Julie is survived by her husband, Ken Farmen, her children, Layne Farmen from Tulsa, OK, Claire

Hawley from Shelton, WA, Molly Farmen from Port Orchard, WA and Patrick Farmen from Port Orchard, WA, and grandchildren Leland Farmen, Elián Farmen and Elizabeth Hawley. Two sisters, Brenda Pugh of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Diane Carrouth of Fort Mill, South Carolina. There will be a memorial service on September 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Grace Bible Church in Port Orchard, WA 98366. "Oh death where is your sting? Oh grave where is your victory. The sting of death is sin, the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Our sweet Julie is experiencing that victory.

OBITUARY

Larry Jewell Kesterson



Larry Jewell Kesterson, 77, of Wenatchee passed on August 14. Larry was born on March 9, 1947 to Jewell and Pauline Kesterson in Leavenworth, WA. He graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1965. Larry joined the US Army and served in Vietnam in 66-67 and was discharged at Ft. Carson, CO. Larry met and married Jennifer in Colorado Springs. After returning to the Valley he began his

career with the Chelan County PUD from 1969 to 1996, retiring as a Line Foreman in Leavenworth. Larry and Jennifer had one son, Bradley Kesterson. The family attended the Dryden Community Church for over 35 years and most recently attended Breath of Life Church in East Wenatchee. Larry was passionate about golf and was a member of the Leavenworth Golf Club for many years. He is

preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife Jennifer, son Brad and (Katie). Grandchildren Steven, Rebecca and (Ben), Richard, Mason, Cassie and Olivia; and 5 great-grandchildren.

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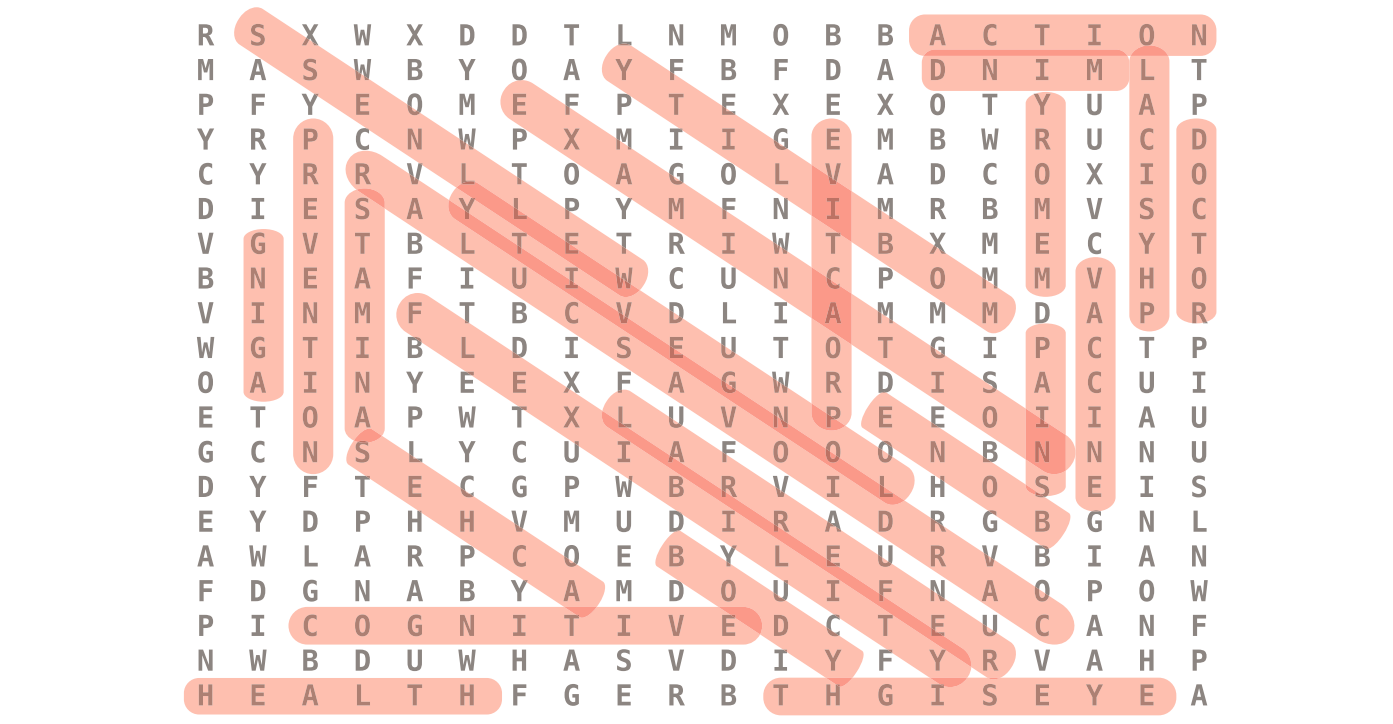


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Ski Hill

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the addition of the outdoor gathering space, I think that that will allow a lot more opportunities for people in our community to host birthday parties or gatherings," said LWSC Events Manager Kelly Carter.

Tickets are \$10 for kids and \$15 for adults. The end of summer fundraising event will have live music by Darnell Scott from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Given to Fly from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and a dance party with DJ Abe Martinez from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. LWSC Ski Teams will be doing face painting and hair coloring. The raffle will have prizes from businesses such as Mission Ridge, Eastside Cycleworks, Lib Tech Snowboards, and more. Local vendors such as Yodelin, Shaved Icicle, Bavarian Bagel Co., La Javelina, Icicle Brewing Company, Yonder Cider, and Eagle Creek Winery will provide food and beverages for purchase.

"We've kept ticket prices low so that the whole community can come and enjoy it, and all of the proceeds are going towards this project," said Carter.

The project is the last and largest project under the Ski Hill Improvement Project (SHIP), which started in 2014, according to LWSC's website.

This year, LWSC finalized architectural plans, performed engineering required for electrical, heating, and plumbing, and prepared the site for excavation, which is slated to begin this fall.

If fundraising and bidding goes to plan, LWSC is hopeful construction on the facility will begin next spring or summer, with completion by the 2025-2026 winter season.

"I think the staff, the current board, and former board members, will be really excited to see it come to life... The community has heard us talk about fundraising and this project for a while. And until you actually see the physical movement happening, sometimes it kind of feels like never going to happen. I think in general, people are going to be really, really excited," said Carter.

Event organizers recommend bringing blankets and camping chairs, cash, an I.D. if purchasing beer or wine, and reusable light up or glow accessories and clothing for the dance party. Event goers should leave their dogs, outside food and beverages, and coolers at home. LWSC will be utilizing its new Winton Mfg. composting bins during the event. Ski Hill Lodge is located at 10701 Ski Hill Dr, Leavenworth.

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Osborn playground

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and certain equipment is also conducive to mobility devices, ensuring a more inclusive playground and exercise area.

"This was an amazing project, and it ended up just like we had planned...You'll see that some of these things, like that [equipment] over there, [one] has a chair, and [one] doesn't. So, someone in a wheelchair can wheel right in and use it. And just being able to cover all the age groups is just the best," said City Councilmember Sharon Waters, who served on the Neighborhood Playground Committee.

The cost of the playground equipment, pour-in-place rubber surfacing, and



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The rubber-surfacing is more conducive to mobility devices than other methods, such as wood chips.

installation totaled just over \$957,000. It was funded in part by an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant, created out of COVID-19 relief dollars.

Children, community members, city officials, and the Neighborhood Playground Committee gathered at the playground on the morning of Aug. 30 for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Kids ran to the playground

as Waters cut the ribbon, excited to explore their new space. Crunch Pak provided snacks for the event.

The playground is located on the corner of Orchard and Birch Streets, behind the former Osborn Elementary School, which is located at 225 Central Ave.

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The former playground prior to renovations.

Cascade School

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Koornstra, an exchange student from the Netherlands.

After facing budget challenges last year, CSD Superintendent Tracey Edou is hopeful for a positive change. This school year will see an increase in outdoor classroom space, with the improved trail on Rattlesnake Hill made by Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance. Additionally, the arts, which faced an uncertain future earlier this year, have been bolstered with the help of Icicle Creek Center for the Arts, Village Art in the Park, and the Cascade Choir Crescendo Campaign.

Edou said she expects recent system changes also having a positive impact on the district, such as insurance companies providing information prior to the adoption of the school budget.

"I feel like we're finally turning the corner on the pandemic. Every year I've said that, but this year, I think we finally are," said Edou. "I think last year showed us that the post-COVID reality is not just going back to before COVID, that we actually need to implement tools and put structures in place to kind of handle all of the increased costs."

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"Today, we celebrate the grand opening of a playground that truly caters to all ages and abilities," said City Administrator Matthew Selby.



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City Councilmember Sharon Waters cuts the ribbon alongside Neighborhood Playground Committee members.



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Kinzly Waunch (front) and Franklin Bouffiou (back) start their first day of second grade.

CSD K-8

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"I think nonprofits do, traditionally, especially in the arts world, play a really important role in making sure that both arts experiences and education continue," said Phil Lacey, ICCA Executive Director.

The decision to support K-8 art in CSD came about this spring, when the district was facing budgetary challenges amid enrollment decline. The district was going to cut the middle school position, and was considering splitting instruction and resources between the middle school and high school as in previous years, according to CSD Superintendent Tracey Edou.

"In our district, we have a value of artful creativity. Unfortunately, we just don't have this state funding to support it at the level that we want," said Edou.

The elementary art program had previously been partially funded through an Icicle Fund grant, with an instructor provided through Methow Arts Alliance for three-years. As CSD looked to renew the grant, a discussion sparked with ICCA about taking on Methow Arts Alliance's role. However, CSD was unable to renew the Icicle Fund grant, leading ICCA to bring VAP into the conversation.

"So we had already kind of had a game plan around the elementary art partnership, and then when we had the middle school art component as well, we all met as a large group...all kind of problem solving together for how we could have this partnership go K-8 rather than K-5," said Edou.

VAP committed \$6,000 total in art supplies, with \$2,000 going to each school. The art teachers were able to decide what to purchase with

the money, whether it was consumable supplies like paper and paint, or more permanent supplies like drying racks and organizational bins. Then, Baker put in the order.

"I get kind of giddy thinking about buying a lot of supplies. Oh, all the mess that is going to ensue, and then the artwork that's going to come out of it. And knowing that we're giving the teachers more [of a] budget than they had even when times were okay with the schools makes me happy," said Callie Baker, VAP Executive Director.

ICCA is funding the entire salary of the elementary school art teacher, Amber Zimmerman, and 90 percent of the salary of the middle school art teacher, Lore Smart. CSD is covering the remaining 10 percent.

"Arts education isn't just art skills, but it is very much a venue for emotional education...Developing self confidence, and the ability to

express themselves, and to talk about sometimes difficult subjects. Art is a gateway or a catalyst for helping these kids grow," said Lacey.

Both ICCA and VAP have facets of supporting arts education in the community, due to a long list of its benefits. By supporting visual arts education at an early age, students are able to develop skill progression that supports a potential career path, express themselves in a way that transcends economic and language barriers, and find ways to connect with their families.

"It provides a great way to engage families in the same way that, like a family would go to a dance recital, when their child brings home a piece of art that they've created, or invites the family to the school to look at the school gallery," said Lacey.

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