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COMMUNITY CELEBRATION  
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## Jorja Davenport crowned new Chelan County Rodeo Queen



COURTESY OF SWOBODA PHOTOGRAPHY  
Wenatchee High School senior Jorja Davenport rides her horse at the Oct. 13 pageant at the Tillicum Riders Club House in Cashmere

**By QUINN PROPST**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY – Wenatchee High School senior Jorja Davenport was named the 2025 Chelan County Fair and Rodeo Queen.

Davenport, 18, is the daughter of Jed and Meagan Davenport of Wenatchee.

“Jorja’s deep-rooted passion for the Western way of life and her

extensive experience make her an exceptional ambassador to our rodeo,” Queen Coordinator Kristen Mattson said.

Davenport is an accomplished horse rider and has participated in various equestrian activities, including 4H, FFA, WAHSET (Washington High School Equestrian Team), and an equestrian drill team.

“Jorja’s knowledge of the

COURTESY OF SWOBODA PHOTOGRAPHY  
The new 2025 Chelan County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jorja Davenport is pictured with the outgoing Queen Austyn Robinson.



COURTESY OF SWOBODA PHOTOGRAPHY  
Current Chelan County Fair and Rodeo Queen Austyn Robinson rides her horse at the pageant for the 2025 queen.

Western lifestyle and her ability to connect with people will be invaluable as she represents our rodeo,” Mattson said. “Her infectious smile and strong work ethic will inspire both young and old, and she is committed to promoting the values and excitement of the rodeo throughout our community.”

“We look forward to seeing her shine in her new role and help bring the spirit of the

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## Beavers gain traction as key players in Washington's stream restoration efforts



COURTESY OF TROUT UNLIMITED  
Before they are relocated, the Trout Unlimited team collects the beaver's weight and sex, tags the beaver, and monitors its health. Beavers of the same family are relocated together.

**By TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – As river restoration and salmon recovery has been spearheaded by various advocates throughout the valley, Trout Unlimited is adding beavers to the conversation through the Wenatchee-Entiat Beaver Project.

Stream restoration often involves multiple organizations coming together to build manmade beaver dams or beaver dam analogs (BDAs). These BDAs increase groundwater supply, improve water quality, and restore fish and wildlife habitat. However, building and maintaining these projects takes time and resources.

“We’ve built a ton of [restoration] projects, and it’s becoming a whole summer of just going back and doing maintenance on them. But if we can bring in beavers, they do that maintenance for free and much more efficiently than we do, so that’s the idea with relocation efforts,” said Lisa Foster, Restoration Program Director at Trout Unlimited.

Trout Unlimited’s project works in two-fold. When Foster’s team receives a call about a beaver conflict, their first move is to implement coexistence strategies. If coexistence isn’t feasible, they will relocate the beaver.

“If I trap those beavers, new beavers are just going to come in. Beavers exist on the landscape, and we’re kind of trying to get people used to that idea, as opposed to just removing them,” said Foster.

The team has a number of tools to promote coexistence, such as caging tree bases, fencing culverts, and installing pond levelers in order to reduce the conflict.

“Our coexistence efforts have been really successful, which means that we’re not moving as many beavers. Which again, that’s ideal for the beavers. They want to stay where they are. They’ve found a place. It’s their home where they have food, and they’re raising their kids and their

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## Community Visioning series comes to a close



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA  
The Oct. 14 meeting was a review of the input received over three community sessions that will be applied to the city’s comprehensive plan.

**By TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – The City of Leavenworth invited community members and Chelan County officials to review information collected over three community visioning sessions on Oct. 14.

The sessions covered housing, sustainable tourism, and accountable stewardship in preparation for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update. The comprehensive plan is required to be periodically reviewed and updated by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA).

The city invited Mike Kaputa,

Director of Chelan County Natural Resources Department, to discuss the county’s involvement in trail management, fire safety, water, and climate resiliency.

While the county doesn’t directly manage trails in Leavenworth, Kaputa said, it was working on the Pathways Project, a proposed non-motorized trail system led by the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council that would connect cities throughout the valley.

For fire safety, Kaputa referenced the county’s recent work on updating the Hazard Mitigation

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## Supply chain challenges force Waste Loop to pause glass recycling

**By TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH—Waste Loop suspended its glass recycling drop-off services at the Leavenworth Recycling Center on Sept. 7 due to supply chain challenges with the glass recycling processor, Strategic Materials, Inc. (SMI).

SMI, which had been accepting the region’s recycled glass, announced a curtailment that has impacted glass recycling across Washington, including major areas such as Tacoma and Skagit County.

Waste Loop started hauling glass to SMI in 2020, and its numbers have increased every year. Waste Loop

Executive Director Ariahna Jones said her team had been hauling three to four tons of glass to SMI about every three weeks prior to SMI’s Aug. 26 curtailment.

“SMI’s key end market customer for recycled cullet in Seattle recently ceased operations effective July 1, 2024. Although SMI has developed a pipeline of alternative customer outlets over the last couple of years, this latest announcement put further pressure on us to move cullet to customers and markets both near and far away,” the company said in a letter to its uncontracted suppliers.

SMI had sold cullet, or recycled broken glass, to the packaging company Ardagh Group, which had

indefinitely curtailed operations at its Seattle glass bottle manufacturing plant. The manufacturer said the cuts were a “result of ongoing pressure from low-priced imports from China, Chile and Mexico, and market conditions,” according to Packaging Dive reporting.

“It has been an ongoing challenge of being able to really find efficiencies for hauling and to keep it sustainable. And then this piece with Strategic Materials, having to halt being able to collect glass really just put a nail in the coffin...Everyone’s still trying to scramble,” said Jones.

Waste Loop looked into hauling glass to Pasco as part of BIG Recyclers’ hub and spoke model,

which collects glass from rural areas and takes it to glass recycling processors. However, the facility is currently unable to accept glass from out of the area, said Jones. Aside from SMI in Seattle, the nearest large glass recycling processors are O-I in Kalama, WA, and Glass to Glass in Portland, OR.

“We’re trying to identify ways that we can increase our hauling efficiencies, so being able to collect more at one location and haul more... Particularly if we’re hauling from to a location that’s further away than Seattle,” said Jones.

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COURTESY OF TROUT UNLIMITED  
Once trapped, beavers will be placed in a holding facility at the hatchery that provides fresh water, partially shaded shelter, and is clean regularly.

### Inside The Echo this Week

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## Community Calendar

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

**Leavenworth Lions Club**, Meetings are 1st Thurs. at 6:30pm and 3rd Thurs. at 9 am at Kristalls Restaurant. For more info contact president Tony Maffey at (509)470-6743.  
**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.)  
**Ice & 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  
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**Peshastin Public Library**. Located at 8396 Main St. Call (509) 548-7821 or email peshastin@ncwlibraries.org. Open on Tues., 2-6pm, Wed., 2-6pm. Thurs., 10am-6pm, Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat., 10am-2pm, 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.  
**Note**: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Please note that if your organization changes dates, or hours please send us your updates to news@ward.media or call 509-548-5286. Otherwise we are not responsible for any misinformation.

## 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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## OBITUARY

# Irmgard "Irma" Eckel



Irmgard "Irma" Eckel, beloved mother and Oma, was born in Ulm, Germany on Feb. 26, 1928 and passed away peacefully on Sept. 28, 2024 in Leavenworth, WA at the age of 96.

Irma was the only child of Heinrich and Ursula Brell. She enjoyed exploring the countryside around her home, picking wild berries, playing with her family dogs and cats and swimming in the Danube River. Her idyllic childhood came to an abrupt end with the start of WWII and the sudden death of her mother.

Throughout her teens, Irma survived many horrors of war, brushes with death and the utter destruction of her city. Despite this, she persevered and found work amidst the rubble as an apprentice hairdresser. A few years after the war, she moved to Switzerland and worked as a successful hairdresser near Zurich. While there, she enjoyed hiking, exploring the Alps and began painting.

5 years later, Irma heard adventure calling again. She learned english, boarded a trans-Atlantic ship and emigrated to the USA. Sailing past the Statue of Liberty and docking in Manhattan she saw her first street vendor selling frankfurters with sauerkraut and thought, 'I'm home.'

Irma's drive and

perseverance led her to open her own, successful salon in Queens. It was during this time she met her husband, Stewart, who swept her off her feet and they married in Brooklyn in 1961. A few years later, they welcomed their only child, Ursula, and moved to Long Island.

She sold Irma's Beauty Shoppe and became the most loving and supportive mother; teaching her daughter to read, garden, swim and appreciate art. A talented seamstress, she sewed her and her daughter's clothes, sometimes even matching outfits. She appreciated fashion and always looked stylish and classy no matter the occasion.

Life was idyllic again for Irma. Skiing, ice skating, camping and travel were regular family activities. She and Stew even took up ice dancing. A lifelong animal lover, she adored her pet dogs and was never without one by her side. Wielding her green thumb, her gardens overflowed with flowers, fruits and vegetables that she gladly shared with neighbors. She again turned her attention to art which would remain her professional passion for the rest of her life.

Irma kept active with art leagues on L.I. and NYC and participated in juried and one-woman shows. Her artistic talent won her numerous awards and also acted as a therapy of sorts.

Several years after their daughter graduated college and had moved away, they sold their home and followed her out to WA state. They lived briefly in Bellingham then several years on Camano Island before finding their perfect home in Leavenworth.

Irma enjoyed being in the mountains again and the scenic, Bavarian themed town. Her boundless creativity kept her active in the local art communities and Stewart was her greatest supporter and fan.

Sadly, Stew was dealing with advanced Parkinson's but she made it her mission to take care of him and keep him at home. When he lost many of his abilities, she became his nurse and embarked on a 10 year 'career' of caregiving. Despite the toll to her health, she persevered once more. Her beloved 'Stewie' died at age 85 after living with Parkinson's for 33 years.

Irma had kept painting and now had the time to display and sell her work again, this time at Leavenworth's Art In The Park. Now in her 80's, she would set up her tent, hang her paintings and spend several weeks each summer talking to visitors, laughing with

her fellow artists and petting all the dogs that walked by.

Irma fiercely loved her family, her friends, animals and she readily offered a helping hand to people in need. She had a sweet disposition but also liked to gently tease. Irma had a survivor's mentality; she defied the odds and beat death at least 5 times in her life. In her 90's when asked how she was doing, she would laugh and say "I'm still alive!" Visits from her family, her dog and friends brought her immense joy.

Irma will be deeply missed. She is survived by her daughter, son in law and twin grandchildren. Her family thanks Dr. Richardson for his years of thoughtful care and friendship and the amazing staff at Mountain Meadows Senior Living who made her final years the best they could be, surrounding her with love and laughter.

A private celebration of life was held at Mountain Meadows. If inclined, please continue her tradition by making a donation to a no-kill animal shelter or adopting a pet.

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Thu, Oct 24	7:00 PM Cascade vs. Omak,	Home
Soccer- Girls		
Wed, Oct 23,	6:00 PM Cascade vs. Chelan,	Home
Tue, Oct 29,	6:00 PM Cascade vs. TBD,	Home
Volleyball - Girls		
Wed, Oct 23,	7:00 PM Cascade vs. Omak,	Away
Sat, Oct 26,	1:30 PM Cascade vs. Omak,	Away

**SCOREBOARD**

Football		
Fri, Oct 18,	Cascade 42, Medical Lake 14	Win
Soccer - Girls		
Tue, Oct 15,	Cascade 8, Chelan 0,	Win
Thu, Oct 17,	Cascade 8, Brewster 0,	Win
Volleyball		
Mon, Oct 14,	Cascade 0, Kittitas 3,	Loss

## Cascade High School cross country seniors take a final lap at Enchantment Park



Cascade High School senior cross country runners pose with head coach Dayle Massey after their last race together in Leavenworth. Many of them have been running together since elementary school.

By **CAROLINE MENNA**  
*Ward Media Intern*

It was Cascade High School's "Senior Night" at Enchantment Park on Tuesday, October 15, and eleven twelfth graders took the line for the last time in Leavenworth as Kodiaks.

The race, held in their honor, was a dual meet versus the Eastmont Wildcats. And the CHS seniors did not disappoint. For the girls, Grace McDevitt, Caroline Menna, and Alice Farrell took first, second, and fourth, respectively. Napiqua Gibbs and Harper Baker finished in the top 15; Page Runions and Reese Mathers in the top 25. For the boys, it was Ben Jerome and Cruz Martinez in second and sixth, followed by Jesper Koonstra and Mel Northrup, both in the top 30.

The 5k race, which wound its way through the scenic park trails and over Blackbird Island under an iron gray sky, drew a large crowd of families, friends, cheerleaders, and classmates, all eager to salute

the accomplishments of the Class of 2025.

The seniors—many of whom have been running for Cascade's cross-country team since their freshman year—were celebrated individually beside their parents at a post-race ceremony.

"This is such a special night for our seniors," remarked head coach Dayle Massey, who is also in his last year at CHS ahead of retirement. "They've worked hard for years, and tonight is all about celebrating their dedication, their teamwork, and the journey they've been on."

Led by senior captains Martinez, Farrell, Jerome, and Menna, the Kodiak harriers travel to the Caribou Trail League Championships hosted by the Omak Pioneers on Thursday, October 24.

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## Kodiaks roll over Medical Lake, 42-14



Cascade quarterback Will Biebesheimer (#13) evades a tackle attempt from a Medical Lake defender during the Kodiaks' dominant 42-14 victory on Friday night.

By **CAROLINE MENNA**  
*Ward Media Intern*

**MEDICAL LAKE** — The Cascade High School football team (4-2) returned to winning form in dramatic fashion on Friday night. After a tough loss in Brewster last week, following three straight wins, the Kodiaks racked up 42 points in the first half of the Division 1A, non-league matchup in Medical Lake (1-6) to spoil the Cardinals' homecoming game at Holliday Field just outside of Spokane.

The contest opened with a

sustained Medical Lake drive to the Cascade 5-yard line, where the Kodiaks recovered a fumble. Then, behind an impressive performance by the Cascade offensive line, quarterback Will Biebesheimer and running back Artie Northrup put on a show.

Cascade first put together a 95-yard drive behind Biebesheimer's arm and legs as he aired out the ball to lead the team downfield, including a 45-yard bomb to senior Jackson Feeney, before scoring on a 27-yard, left-rolling, quarterback sneak.



Cascade players, including Gabe Umbarger (#53), scramble for a loose ball during Friday night's game against Medical Lake.

Then, after a quick Cardinal three-and-out, the senior captain, who passed for 159 and rushed for 103 on the night, connected with sophomore Eli Webb on a 47-yard TD strike. On the ensuing kickoff, the Kodiaks stripped the ball from the Cardinal's return man and dashed into the endzone for a 21-0 lead.

If the first quarter belonged to Biebesheimer, the second was Northrup's. After another sensational Biebesheimer QB sneak—this time for 53-yards—Northrup took it in from the five-yard line. Then the senior

captain did it again following Jackson Feeney's interception. The Kodiaks wrapped up their scoring on the next drive with a fumble recovery scoop and score from 49-yards out by sophomore Julian Feeney. In addition to his two TD runs, Northrup punched in six extra-point attempts through the middle of the uprights to help the Kodiaks take a 42-0 lead into half-time.

After an hour-long injury delay for Medical Lake during the Kodiaks' opening drive, the second half was dominated by a time-consuming, sustained



The Cascade Kodiaks prepare to snap the ball in second quarter action against the Medical Lake Cardinals on Friday night. The Kodiaks scored on the drive - their fifth of six touchdowns in the game.

but scoreless Cardinal drive that ran from mid-third quarter to the middle of the fourth. Second-year Cascade head coach Carl Haberberger was happy to let the clock run as he cleared the bench to rest his starters, including Biebesheimer to give sophomore Gene Witt a look under center.

Medical Lake scored two garbage time TDs following a Kodiak muffed punt and blown secondary coverage to end the scoring, and the game, at 42-14. It really was not even that close though. The Kodiaks simply

overmatched the Cardinals on both sides of the ball with offensive prowess and stout defense, the latter behind the hard hitting of senior Ethan Flansburg and big plays from the Feeney brothers.

The Kodiaks begin league play at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, at home versus the 3-4 Omak Pioneers.

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## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

### Wenatchee Valley Humane Society appoints new executive director

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Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee Valley Humane Society (WVHS) announced the appointment of BJ Andersen as its new Executive Director, effective November 4. Andersen, a Certified Animal Welfare Administrator (CAWA), will succeed James Pumphrey, who left the position in June.

With nearly two decades of experience in animal welfare, Andersen brings a wealth of knowledge to the role. Her appointment comes at a crucial time for the organization, which has been seeking new leadership to advance its mission of providing compassionate services to at-risk animals.

Andersen's most recent position was with the Oregon Humane Society, where she served as Director of Volunteer Engagement. In this role, she developed and implemented training and management systems for over 1,300 volunteers across

two campuses in Portland and Salem.

Prior to that, Andersen spent nearly ten years as the Executive Director at the Willamette Humane Society (WHS) in Salem, Oregon. During her tenure, she successfully negotiated a merger with the Oregon Humane Society in 2022, a move aimed at securing more resources for animals in the Willamette Valley.

"BJ is known to be a caring leader, an innovative and creative problem-solver, and persistent in pursuing long-term goals," stated Jane Provo, Interim Executive Director and former WVHS board member. "We are thrilled to have someone of her caliber join our hard-working team and lead WVHS into its next chapter." Andersen will connect with community leaders, donors, and volunteers in the upcoming weeks. WVHS looks forward to Andersen's leadership and vision as it continues its mission to improve the lives of animals and the community. Andersen's expertise



COURTESY OF WENATCHEE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY  
**BJ Andersen, newly appointed Executive Director of Wenatchee Valley Humane Society, demonstrates her passion for animals while horseback riding with her canine companion. Andersen, a Certified Animal Welfare Administrator with nearly 20 years of experience in animal welfare, will bring her expertise to WVHS starting November 4.**

extends beyond operational management. As a DEI ambassador and council member for the Association for Animal Welfare Advancement, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering inclusive environments within organizations. In the coming weeks,

Andersen is expected to engage with community leaders, donors, and volunteers as she prepares to take the helm at WVHS. The organization views her appointment as a significant step forward in its ongoing efforts to improve the lives of animals and the community.

### Community invited to 'Rake the Autumn Leaves' at historic Leavenworth cemetery

The Leavenworth Echo  
Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — The Upper Valley Historical Society and Greater Leavenworth Museum are hosting a community clean-up event at the Old Leavenworth North Road Cemetery on Saturday, October 26.

The semi-annual event, named "Rake the Autumn Leaves," will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the cemetery located directly across from the Amtrak station. This year's clean-up coincides with Make-A-Difference Day.

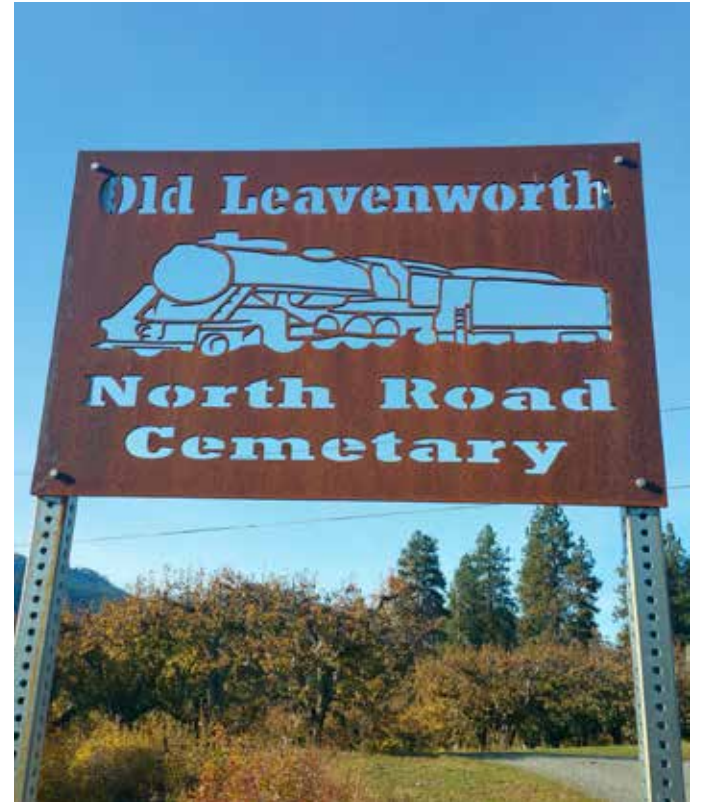
The Leavenworth Alphorns will provide musical enter-

tainment during the event.

Organizers are asking participants to bring gloves and their favorite garden tools. Free "Danwich" sandwiches will be offered to volunteers who place their orders by 10:15 a.m.

The event announcement states, "If you cannot help with the clean-up but want to share in this community experience, bring your lunch and a chair, listen to music, and visit other community members, both living and non."

The Old Leavenworth North Road Cemetery is the site for this community event, which combines volunteer work with local music and a shared meal.



COURTESY OF GREATER LEAVENWORTH MUSEUM  
**Old Leavenworth North Road Cemetery is the site of the upcoming "Rake the Autumn Leaves" community clean-up event scheduled for October 26.**

### NCW Tech Alliance announces winners of 2024 AI Skill-A-Thon

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The NCW Tech Alliance announced Tuesday the winners of its 2024 AI Skill-A-Thon, awarding over \$10,000 in cash prizes sponsored by Microsoft.

The competition, part of the organization's Community Skills Initiative (CSI), ran from September 1 to September 30. 115 individuals from North Central Washington earned a total of 2,195 certificates.

Conrad Billman, Technology Program Manager at NCW Tech

Alliance, said, "AI is transforming industries, and digital literacy is crucial for everyday tasks. By acquiring these skills, individuals can stay competitive, adapt to new roles, and improve their quality of life."

In the 16-24 age group, Kylah Hankins of Chelan County won first place, Spencer Rickel of Douglas County second, and Eric Hernandez of Grant County third.

For ages 25-49, Victor Godoy from Grant County took first place, Janelle Schmultzler of Chelan County second, Amber Parker of Douglas County

third, and Kendal Ingraham of Okanogan County fourth.

In the 50 and older category, Terri Timpe and Rebecca Peltz of Chelan County won first and second places, David Barshes of Douglas County third, and Carmen Navarro of Grant County fourth.

The AI Skill-A-Thon offered free courses in artificial intelligence, sustainability, and digital skills through the CSI portal. The portal remains open year-round with free digital skills courses in English and Spanish.

NCW Tech Alliance will hold a reception for winners

and participants on October 23 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm at Circle 5 Winery (Martin-Scott) in Wenatchee. The event is open to the public with registration on the organization's website at [ncwtech.org/events](http://ncwtech.org/events).

The CSI website remains available as a resource for online training and upskill opportunities.

NCW Tech Alliance, founded in 1999, is a 501(c)(3) organization serving as the region's leading technology alliance in North Central Washington.

### Confluence Health rations IV solutions amid nationwide shortage, delays elective surgeries

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Confluence Health is implementing measures to address a nationwide shortage of intravenous (IV) solutions, a crisis affecting healthcare facilities across the United States.

The shortage stems from Hurricane Helene's impact on a Baxter facility in North Carolina, which produces approximately 60% of the country's IV solutions, equivalent to 1.5 million bags daily. The Washington State Hospital Association

previously reported on this disruption, which is expected to persist until the facility resumes full production, possibly lasting until year's end.

Confluence Health, serving the largest geographic region of any healthcare system in Washington State, is taking proactive steps to maintain adequate fluid supplies for urgent and emergency care in North Central Washington.

Kelly Allen, chief nursing officer at Confluence Health, emphasized the organization's priorities: "Our core goal as we address this supply chain

disruption is to make sure that we are able to maintain enough fluids on-hand so that we can provide the crucial care our patients need."

Allen added, "While we are still receiving fluid shipments, the amount available to each facility has been significantly reduced nationwide to help conserve. We are proactively addressing this challenge by ensuring, despite this limitation, that our patients still receive the level of care they expect and need with minimal impact, while also making certain that emergency and critical care services are

not interrupted."

To manage the shortage, Confluence Health is implementing a strategy that includes delaying certain elective procedures. Dr. James Murray, chief medical officer for Confluence Health, explained the approach: "In order to be able to maintain the level of fluids on-hand that is needed to address emergencies or care that cannot wait, we will be delaying some elective cases that require a large amount of fluids."

Murray acknowledged the inconvenience this may cause, stating, "While we never like

to reschedule surgeries due to the disruption this brings to our patients, we need to prioritize emergency services for our communities. We hope to only delay these elective procedures by a few weeks to help us to build up our fluid reserves."

Patients affected by these delays will be contacted directly by Confluence Health's patient services teams to reschedule their procedures.

Confluence Health serves over 12,000 square miles across Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, and Chelan counties. As one of only two locally-led healthcare

systems in Washington State, it aims to maintain access to high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services for North Central Washington.

The organization's board of directors, comprising nine community members and six physicians, oversees Confluence Health's operations and decision-making during this challenging period.

As the situation develops, healthcare providers nationwide continue to monitor the IV solution supply chain, adapting their strategies to ensure critical care remains uninterrupted.

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# Citizenship classes offered at three NCW Libraries branches

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE - NCW Libraries and Hand in Hand Immigration Services are partnering to offer weekly citizenship classes at the Wenatchee, Peshastin and Quincy libraries.

NCW Libraries will provide the space and Hand in Hand Immigration Services, a Wenatchee-based nonprofit, will provide the instruction, content, and materials. Class participants will learn about citizenship eligibility and requirements, the basics of U.S. history, and study and prepare for the citizenship exam and interview.

This new series of classes comes after two years of successful partnership and programming between the NCW Libraries Latino Services Department and Hand in Hand Immigration Services. Information sessions and citizenship classes have been offered at NCW Library locations in Moses Lake, Peshastin, Leavenworth, and

Quincy. At least three of the students who took classes in Moses Lake have since become U.S. citizens. Several more students have pending appointments for their naturalization interviews.

"This partnership has been transformative in many ways. It has broken down barriers to citizenship while also strengthening community bonds," said Claudia Bovee, Latino Services Manager for NCW Libraries. "People at different stages of their citizenship journey gain a deeper understanding of their eligibility and the steps required to achieve their dreams"

Classes will be offered at these locations and times through 2025.

**Quincy Public Library :**

- Citizenship classes in Spanish: Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Citizenship classes in English: Mondays (with two additional Tuesdays to make up for holidays), 4:30-

5:30 p.m.

**Wenatchee Public Library**

- Citizenship classes in Spanish: Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Peshastin Public Library**

- Citizenship classes in English: Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Bovee added, "While they are learning and studying about civics, they are also building a community with their instructors and others attending the classes. They encourage each other and celebrate their collective successes. Many of them bring friends or family members into our spaces, creating a positive ripple effect of information-sharing. For some people, these classes represent their first opportunity to embark on this journey to citizenship."

NCW Libraries' Latino Services Department strives to connect the diverse Latino

communities across NCW to vital community resources. The department works collaboratively with library staff and community partner organizations to remove barriers to life-changing resources and opportunities. This work aligns with NCW Libraries Strategic Direction to meet critical community needs through local and regional partnerships while increasing awareness and use of library services. Learn more at [www.ncwlibraries.org](http://www.ncwlibraries.org).

Hand in Hand Immigration Services' mission is to assist, motivate, and empower immigrants and their families to obtain U.S. citizenship. Their organization provides a trusted place where immigrants can get accurate, up-to-date information on the citizenship process and clarification of their particular requirements for citizenships. Legal assistance is conducted by case workers who have been accredited by the Department of Justice.

Learn more at [www.handinhandis.org](http://www.handinhandis.org).



COURTESY OF NCW LIBRARIES

A recent citizenship class at Wenatchee Public Library.

## Rocky Reach Park to host free fall harvest roundup



COURTESY OF CHELAN PUD

L-Bow the Clown will entertain costumed children and families during the Fall Harvest Roundup at Rocky Reach Park. The annual event will feature hayrides, games, and educational activities about renewable energy.

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE—Rocky Reach Park will host its Fall Harvest Roundup on Oct. 26, offering free Halloween-themed activities and educational experiences from 1 to 4 p.m.

The event will feature hayrides, games, and trick-or-treating for children. Activities include lasso tossing, knocking over boots with beanbags, relay competitions, and finding a fish in a haystack. These games are designed to teach participants about clean, renewable hydropower.

The Discovery Center, decorated for Halloween, will offer indoor scavenger hunts across three floors. Visitors can steer a steamship, operate

a generator, and explore a tulle house. The center also features full-length fish-viewing windows.

Organizers encourage attendees to wear costumes. Entertainment will include performances by L-Bow the Clown.

Mama D's Café will provide lunch options in the upper shelter area, including hot dogs, chili, and nachos.

The park and Discovery Center will be closed until 1 p.m. on the event day for preparations. After the event, the Discovery Center will be open year-round, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Rocky Reach Park is located on Highway 97A seven miles north of Wenatchee.



COURTESY OF NCW LIBRARIES

Left, Norma Gallegos, Program Director for Hand in Hand Immigration Services, and Claudia Bovee, Latino Services Manager for NCW Libraries at a citizenship ceremony at Wenatchee Public Library in June.



COURTESY OF NCW LIBRARIES

11 people recite the oath before becoming U.S. citizens at Wenatchee Public Library in June.

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## WSU launches \$4.2 million campaign for new tree fruit research facility

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE - Washington State University is launching a fundraising campaign this fall for a new Plant Growth Facility at the Wenatchee Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center (TFREC).

The university will host a public campaign kick-off event on Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Wenatchee TFREC. The goal

is to raise \$4.2 million in private funds to replace a 70-year-old structure with a modern facility designed to support Washington's \$10 billion tree fruit industry.

"This facility will make projects possible that we simply can't do now," said Lee Kalcsits, endowed chair in Environmental Tree Fruit Physiology and Management. "It's a leveraging opportunity: it opens a whole set of doors for impact on industry."

The proposed facility

will double the existing greenhouse space and include advanced lighting, temperature, and humidity controls. These features will enable environmental stress experiments, year-round disease research, root health tests, and pest-free plant growth.

Kate Evans, WSU Pome Fruit Breeder, commented on the current limitations and the potential of the new facility. "We do a good job of maximizing the facilities we have, but there's a

limit," Evans said. "With the greenhouses, we're way beyond it. The new growth facility will give our internationally renowned programs a way to expand into areas we've simply been stymied from entering."

Evans noted that the facility would support expanded screening of breeding material for diseases like fire blight and provide space for research on new rootstocks.

Wendy Powers, Cashup Davis Family Endowed Dean of

WSU's College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, described the vision for the facility. "The vision for the new plant growth facility is a place where the top researchers, teachers, and Extension personnel come together to address the on-the-ground problems of today and the emerging threats of tomorrow," Powers said. "Located in the heart of tree fruit production for the world, this facility puts us out in front to ensure safe, abundant,

healthy fruit for everyone."

The new Plant Growth Facility is intended to enhance WSU's ability to conduct research on environmental stresses, diseases, and pests affecting tree fruits. It is also expected to aid in attracting and retaining scientists and students in the field.

Washington State University has directed interested parties to the TFREC website for more information on the project and donation opportunities.

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Public Notices

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area, Chelan County, Washington, will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 3:00 PM at the Leavenworth City Hall, located at 700 US Highway 2, to review and approve the 2025 Final Budget that includes proposed expenditures, revenue sources, and a possible increase in property taxes.

Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2024 VILLAGE OF LIGHTS FLAGGING
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It is the sole responsibility of the Consultant to obtain any RFP updates or addenda from the City's website. Submissions shall be sent electronically to Sue Cragun, Executive Assistant, at scragun@cityofleavenworth.com by 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Late or incorrectly submitted submissions will be automatically disqualified from consideration. Any qualifications received after the specified date and time will automatically be rejected and will not receive any further consideration by the City. The City of Leavenworth in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Sue Cragun, Executive Assistant at scragun@cityofleavenworth.com or by calling (509) 548-5275.

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# Confluence Health PA named Washington's Rural Physician Assistant of the Year

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WENATCHEE—Maria Dalzell, a physician assistant (PA) working in nephrology for Confluence Health, was recently named the Rural Physician Assistant of the Year by the Washington Academy of Physician Assistants (WAPA) at its annual conference. The prestigious award recognizes the outstanding contributions of a Washington State PA in rural community healthcare.

"I'm incredibly honored to have been named the Rural Physician Assistant of the Year," remarked Dalzell. "It was unexpected and incredibly humbling. I never expected to receive this award for following my passions of diversity and equity and doing my job, but am so grateful."

The Rural Physician Assistant of the Year Award is presented annually by the WAPA in recognition of

an outstanding person who has made an exceptional contribution to rural community healthcare, celebrating the role of a PA in showing their dedication, compassion, and innovation in delivering healthcare to underserved communities and areas. In particular, the award recognizes those who strive to overcome the challenges inherent in delivering rural healthcare, extending beyond simple clinical excellence into community engagement, patient advocacy, and initiatives that improve access to healthcare resources. As described by the WAPA, the award "honors their profound impact and commitment to ensuring equitable healthcare access for all individuals, regardless of geographic location."

Though Dalzell had not anticipated the recognition, her supervisors and colleagues felt the honor was well-deserved

and no surprise.

"Maria's dedication to our patients and to our community extends beyond the hallways of the nephrology department," commented Leah Marshall, medical specialty service line director at Confluence Health. "She has a deep dedication to addressing health disparities and providing vital care to our underserved communities."

"We are so proud to work alongside someone so caring, giving, and thoughtful," continued Skyler Gouldin, practice manager for gastroenterology and nephrology. "This award could not have been bestowed upon a more deserving recipient. Thank you, Maria, for all you do for our patients, community, and our nephrology department!"

The award was presented to Dalzell at a ceremony last week in Spokane, Washington, as part of the annual WAPA fall conference held at the

historic Davenport Hotel.

"I am grateful to be working with a fantastic nephrology team at Confluence Health who supports me professionally and personally as a PA, and most importantly, serving a patient population that makes our work meaningful," concluded Dalzell. "To me, this award truly shows Confluence Health allows their APPs to practice at their full scope and to really make a difference in our community."



Maria Dalzell

## Beavers

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families nearby," said Foster.

When coexistence efforts aren't effective, Trout Unlimited's next move is to trap the beaver for relocation. The beaver is first brought to a holding facility at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, where it will be assessed and monitored while other family members are trapped.

Then, the beaver, or beaver family, is taken to a preselected site that meets permit requirements, on public or private land with owner permission.

"We have to go 2,000 feet upstream and downstream of a release site. We have to say how deep the water is, if there's good pools, if there's sufficient food, if there's any concerns, like culverts or roads," said Foster.

Trout Unlimited will often target stream restoration sites, where the beaver's basic needs will be met and their presence will be most effective. Once the beavers get to work slowing streamflow, the area can see a myriad of improvements such as moderation of water temperature, increased fire resiliency, and increased biodiversity and riparian zones.

RCW 77.32.585, a pivotal law passed in 2012 and revised in 2017, recognized that beavers "have historically played a significant role in maintaining the health of watersheds in the Pacific Northwest and act as key agents in riparian ecology." The law allowed the relocation of wild beavers, prompting WDFW to enact the Beaver Relocation Permit Pilot Program in 2019.

The temporary feasibility project was intended to reduce lethal removals throughout the state by ensuring humane care during relocation, supporting relocators, and implementing data collection.

"Now that we are seeing such widespread degradation of habitat and of populations of so many species, especially ones that are dependent on freshwater systems, folks are starting to realize that these are fragile and interdependent, and that beavers are one of the few species that can so easily tie many different aspects of habitat together and repair them in ways that take our human restoration efforts, so much time, so much energy and so much money," said Behling.

On Sept. 27, the Fish and Wildlife Commission decided to adopt the pilot project as a permanent program, which will go into effect on Dec. 7.

"I am very, very happy. It was a lot of work, a surprising amount of work, to make that [Washington Administrative Code] happen, but I'm very excited that the Commission agreed that this is a program that should continue," said Behling.

While the program is a step towards beaver protection, Foster says there's still more to be done to track population size and set trapping limits. Currently, there are no protections from trapping for beavers that have been recently relocated to restoration areas.

"We want beavers to be treated like any other game species. We do that for deer. We do that for all sorts of species, and I think beavers deserve those same protections, especially recognizing their outsized impact on the landscape," said Foster.

Those interested in receiving assistance with beaver coexistence or relocation can contact Foster at 509-630-3733, or [lisa.foster@tu.org](mailto:lisa.foster@tu.org).

# WDFW seeks members for new North Central Washington advisory committee

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OLYMPIA — The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking members for a new Regional Engagement Committee (REC) in North Central Washington. The committee will represent local interests and provide input on regional conservation efforts.

The North Central Region consists of Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties, serving more than

290,000 residents. WDFW is calling for applications from members of the public and organizational representatives interested in fish, wildlife, and habitat conservation, as well as fishing, hunting, wildlife watching, and other fish and wildlife-related outdoor recreation.

"As we continue to advance our mission of conserving fish, wildlife, and habitats across Washington, these RECs will play a crucial role in incorporating regional perspectives into our decision-

making processes," said North Central Regional Director Brock Hoenes. "By bringing together community members with a shared passion for the outdoors, we can ensure that our conservation efforts are more inclusive and better reflect the needs and values of our region. We encourage everyone with an interest in these important issues to apply and join us in this collaborative effort."

The REC will begin quarterly meetings in 2025, serving as a forum to provide input to regional management on the Department's work within the North Central region. Meetings will be a mix of in-person gatherings at WDFW's regional headquarters or other locations within the region, with opportunities for hybrid meetings.

Applications for the two-year terms are due by Dec. 2, 2024. Interested individuals can apply through an online form at [www.publicinput.com/receng](http://www.publicinput.com/receng) or by completing a PDF application form and submitting it via email or

postal mail.

WDFW is offering compensation for advisory group members' time and reimbursements for various expenses, including childcare, adult care, lodging, meals, and mileage. Compensation rates range from \$45 for one hour to a maximum of \$200 per day, following guidelines from the Office of Equity.

The department is inviting all members of the public to apply regardless of race, color, sex, age, national origin, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, status as a veteran, or disability.

This initiative is part of WDFW's effort to establish RECs across the state, with the North Central region being one of two pilot areas. The department plans to establish RECs in the remaining four regions in the 2025-2027 biennium.

Additional information is available on the WDFW website, including the North Central Regional Engagement Committee webpage, advisory member handbook, and details about existing advisory groups and committees.



Members of a WDFW advisory group on a field tour in the North Central Region. COURTESY OF WDFW

## Visioning

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Plan, Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and collective work and partnerships from the county and other organizations to do fuels reduction work throughout the Upper Valley.

"Suffice to say, I think over the next three, four years, there are going to be some major investments and some pretty significant opportunities to get involved in wildfire risk reduction," said Kaputa.

To address water management and climate resiliency, the county has been working within the Icicle Work Group to implement a new pump station at Shore Street, assess a rebuild of 8-Mile Dam, and sponsor a lawn buyback

program. The group also performed climate modeling on Icicle Creek, Peshastin Creek, and Mission Creek, said Kaputa.

County Commissioner Shon Smith also addressed the concerns of the county readjusting caps on short-term rentals (STRs), which Smith said had been proposed by District #3 Commissioner Tiffany Gering.

"The topic of the conversation was, 'What do we do to adjust those caps so that it can be more representative of the people who would want to use their property that way?'" said Smith.

According to Smith, the Planning Commission will review the options and take public comment before recommending any action to county commissioners.

"I never was in favor of STRs and neighborhoods. I want to know who my neighbors are, and I want to know who is coming and going day and night," said Smith.

Before the meeting closed, City Administrator Matthew Selby and Community Development Director Maggie Boles summarized their insights from the sustainable tourism and housing sessions.

"Some of the key insights that we learned from you was balancing growth and community needs. You wrote that sustainable tourism should prioritize local residents' quality of life while attracting visitors, focusing on community well being, [and] fostering a more welcoming environment," said Selby.

In addition to the vision sessions, the city sent out a

survey to residents, which had a 71 percent completion rate. Of the 1,208 respondents, 42 percent said they lived within city limits, 21 percent were in the Urban Growth Area, and 32 percent said they lived within the school district limits.

Survey results, session videos, and a summary document can be found at [cityofleavenworth.com/community/visioning/](http://cityofleavenworth.com/community/visioning/). The city plans to use the input collected to update the Comprehensive Plan.

"This is just the beginning, and the conversation has to continue as we do the planning... This planning process is about that bigger vision," said Mayor Carl Florea.

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## Rodeo Queen

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rodeo to life," Mattson said.

Davenport was selected at the Oct. 13 pageant at the Tillicum Riders Club House in Cashmere. Prospective queens competed in several segments, including personal interviews, horsemanship skills, modeling presentations, speech delivery, and impromptu questions.

Mattson said the committee has already started planning for Davenport's coronation ceremony in early spring of 2025.

The 2025 queen will be presented with a variety of awards, sponsored items, and royalty accessories to be worn during the year of her reign. She will participate in a year of community events, public

speaking, parades, luncheons, and rodeos while serving as a goodwill ambassador for the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo.

Davenport is only the second queen to represent the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo.

"A rodeo queen embodies the spirit of the rodeo, serving as a role model and ambassador for the sport," Mattson said. "She not only represents the traditions and values of rodeo culture, but also champions the heart of the community, showcasing the pride of Chelan County Fair and Rodeo."

"Her presence is inspiring to all, promotes agricultural heritage, and fosters a sense of unity and celebration within the fairgrounds and beyond," she said.

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